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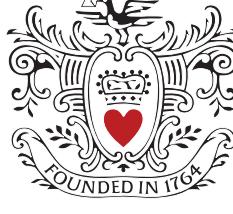
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Historic Polish National Home pleads for funding for taxes and repairs



Paint peels from the ceiling inside the theater space of the Polish National Home.



Ray Kryzak Jr., left, and Paul Peshka survey the interior of the theater space inside the Polish National Home, a community gathering place and restaurant in Hartford since 1930. **MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

SHORT ON TIME

By Susan Dunne | Hartford Courant

The Polish National Home, a community gathering place and restaurant in Hartford since 1930, may close for good if it can't raise \$1.5 million within a few weeks to pay off debts and back taxes and do repairs on the 91-year-old building, according to a letter sent this week to members.

"Time is running out as the Polish National Home slips into further disrepair and is facing the prospect of a delinquent tax sale by the city of Hartford," stated the letter written by PNH board member Paul Peshka and posted on the home's Facebook page. "In the absence of a small miracle, the PNH building will cease to exist as we know it, possibly as early as the end of March."

A GoFundMe campaign was started in late

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Art Deco details adorn the exterior of the Polish National Home. The gathering place and restaurant opened in 1930.

A pioneer to get an everlasting tribute

'Honey' Fitch, UConn's first Black basketball player, to take place among Huskies of Honor



Dom Amore

When Harrison B. "Honey" Fitch left Hillhouse High in New Haven to come to Storrs in 1932, he would be the only Black student among 700 on the University of Connecticut campus.

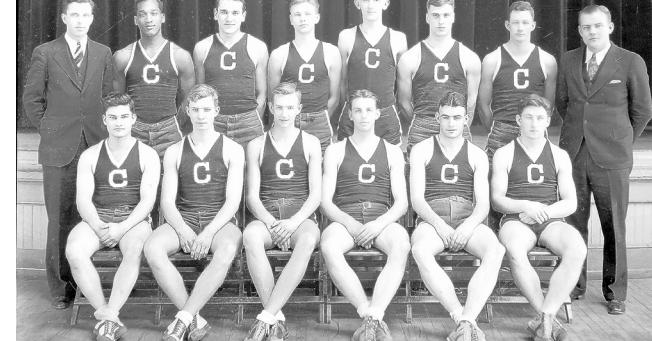
When he attempted to be the first to play on the basketball team, he experienced racial

taunting nearly everywhere the Huskies played.

"He was proud of the UConn people that he associated with in 1932, '33, '34," his son, Brooks Fitch, said. "Everyplace else he went, he was subjected to harassment, so he was proud of the DNA of UConn."

It reached its peak when the Coast Guard Academy team refused to take the floor on Jan. 27, 1934, if Fitch played for UConn, then known as Connecticut State. His teammates and classmates had his

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Harrison B. "Honey" Fitch, top row, second from left, and the freshman basketball team at Connecticut State College, now UConn. **ARCHIVES & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, UCONN LIBRARY**

Geballe leaving for job at Yale

Josh Geballe, one of the most important players in Gov. Ned Lamont's administration, is leaving the administration for a top job at Yale. **CONNECTICUT, PAGE 1**

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to the foundation's funding cycles has been a long-term goal. That goal started in 2014, when the Hartford Foundation became a registered lobbyist in the state. After experiencing lobbying firsthand and getting to know other lobbying entities, the foundation chose to fund lobbying organizations.

"We need to support programmatic intervention in the capacity of nonprofits. We do that. But in order to really ramp up the rate of change we need to see ... we know that policy is the next step," she said.

Elysa Gordon, vice president for community impact, said funding policy also will allow members of the community "to bring their lived experiences, their voices, more directly" into discussions of housing.

The Connecticut Fair Housing Center is one of the funded organizations. The center was among community organizations who last year successfully led a push for statewide "Right to Counsel" legislation, guaranteeing legal representation for people threatened with eviction. The grant will support advocacy to push for full funding for Right to Counsel.

"We are meeting with tenants to hear about their experiences in



About 50 people attend a rally against evictions near the corner of Earle and Barbour Streets in Hartford on Feb. 19, 2021. COURANT FILE PHOTO

housing court once they received an eviction notice, talking about what would have been different if they had had an attorney teaching them how to put together testimony," said Erin Kemple, executive director at the Connecticut Fair Housing Center. "We are trying to get people ready to testify and talk with legislators about continuing the Right to Counsel."

Kemple said the full funding, and the community members' lived-experience testimony, is crucial to persuade legislators.

"One of the things people have to have is a place to live. It affects every party of a person's life, their ability to get health care, where their kids to school, where they go grocery shopping, where they go to church. Someone in danger of being put out of their house risks losing all the positive things that go along with a home," she said.

Another grantee is the Partnership for Strong Communities, which will use its grant to expand the membership of its HomeConnecticut Campaign, an advisory

committee originally formed in 2006, which promotes policies that increase access to stable, quality, affordable housing.

Kiley Gosselin, executive director at the Partnership for Strong Communities, said that the board needs more diverse voices, both more racially diverse and more diverse in their housing-related experiences.

"It was originally made up of members of other sectors outside of housing advocacy, such as education, business, municipal

leadership," Gosselin said. "The thinking was over last year and a half is that we need more voices, tenants, tenant advocates, people in the landlord community, to give a wide variety of perspectives, to decide what to do differently, what direction we should be going in."

Other fundees are:

■ Center for Latino Progress' Transport Hartford Academy, to push for Transit Oriented Development in the affordable housing plans of the towns of West Hartford, Newington and Windsor.

■ Center for Leadership and Justice, which successfully added its No More Slumlords advocacy to Hartford's housing code, to train city residents to advocate for the launch of that licensure program.

■ Hartford Land Bank, Inc., which will advocate for a state funding mechanism for the redevelopment of small multi-family homes.

■ Open Communities Alliance, will advocate for the "Fair Share Zoning Campaign," which would assign affordable housing goals to every Connecticut municipality.

■ Regional Planning Association/Desegregate CT, which advocates for Transit Oriented Communities, reducing minimum lot size requirements, and streamlining zoning bureaucracy.

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Trump

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diately shot down.

The new accounts show that Trump was more directly involved than previously known in exploring proposals to use his national security agencies to seize voting machines as he grasped unsuccessfully for evidence of fraud that would help him reverse his defeat in the 2020 election, according to people familiar with the episodes.

The people familiar with the matter were briefed on the events by participants or had firsthand knowledge of them.

The new information helps to flesh out how the draft executive orders to seize voting machines came into existence and points in particular to the key role played by retired Army Col. Phil Waldron.

According to people familiar with the accounts, Waldron,

shortly after the election, began telling associates that he had found irregularities in vote results that he felt were suggestive of fraud. He then came up with the idea of having a federal agency like the military or the Department of Homeland Security confiscate the machines to preserve evidence.

Waldron first proposed the notion of the Pentagon's involvement to Trump's former national security adviser, Michael Flynn, whom he says he served with in the Defense Intelligence Agency.

The plans were among an array of options that were placed before Trump in the tumultuous days and weeks that followed the election, developed by an ad hoc group of lawyers like Sidney Powell and other allies including Flynn and Waldron. That group often found itself at odds with Giuliani and his longtime associate Bernard Kerik, as well as with Trump's White House counsel, Pat Cipollone, and his team.

Around the same time that Trump brought up the possibility of having the Justice Department seize the voting machines, for example, he also tried to persuade state lawmakers in contested states like Michigan and Pennsylvania to use local law enforcement agencies to take control of them, people familiar with the matter said.

The state lawmakers refused to go along with the plan.

Waldron, who owns a bar and distillery outside Austin, Texas, was previously best known for having circulated a 38-page PowerPoint presentation to lawmakers and Trump aides that was filled with extreme plans to overturn the election.

Giuliani was vehemently opposed to the idea of the military taking part in the seizure of machines, according to two people familiar with the matter. The conflict between him and his

legal team, and Flynn, Powell and Byrne came to a dramatic head Dec. 18, 2020, during a meeting with Trump in the Oval Office.

At the meeting, Flynn and Powell presented Trump with a copy of the draft executive order authorizing the military to oversee the seizure of machines. After reading it, Trump summoned Giuliani to the Oval Office, according to one person familiar with the matter. When Giuliani read the draft order, he told Trump that the military could be used only if there was clear-cut evidence of foreign interference in the election.

Powell, who had spent the past month filing lawsuits claiming that China and other countries had hacked into voting machines, said she had such evidence, the person said. But Giuliani was adamant that the military should not be mobilized, the person said, and Trump ultimately heeded his advice.

After Flynn and Powell left the Oval Office, according to a person familiar with the matter, Giuliani — who had spent weeks peddling some of the most outrageous claims about election fraud — predicted that the plans the others were proposing were going to get Trump impeached.

Shortly after the Oval Office meeting, Waldron amended the draft executive order, suggesting that if the Defense Department could not oversee the seizure of machines then the Department of Homeland Security could, the person said.

Around that time, Trump asked Giuliani to call Kenneth Cuccinelli, the acting deputy secretary at the Department of Homeland Security, to ask about the viability of the proposal, according to two people familiar with the matter. Cuccinelli said that homeland security officials could not take part in the plan.

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Connecticut exceeds 10,000 COVID-related deaths

A 'very sad statistic' for state, doctor says

By Susan Haigh
Associated Press

HARTFORD — Connecticut has registered more than 10,000 deaths associated with COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic, according to data released Tuesday by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

There have been 10,010 deaths linked to COVID-19, marking the 29th highest overall death count in the country, according to researchers from Johns Hopkins.

While the number is "profound"

and marks a "very sad statistic" for the state, Dr. David Emmel, chairman of the Connecticut Medical Society's legislative committee, said "what's even more discouraging is that people are continuing to die when they don't have to because most of them, almost all them, are people who are unvaccinated."

For the week beginning Jan. 16, unvaccinated people in Connecticut were nearly 13 times more likely to die from COVID-19 compared to fully vaccinated persons, according to state of Connecticut data.

Dr. Manisha Juthani, the state's public health commissioner, said in an interview with Associated Press that while a "very small percent"

of Connecticut residents who've been vaccinated and boosted have died — eight people who received a booster shot were among a recent group of 212 deaths reported earlier this month — COVID-19 has become a "largely vaccine preventable disease."

"And for those who have been still waiting, who still can consider getting a shot, it just makes me continue to want to try to reach those people before the virus gets them," said Juthani, who acknowledges some people will never agree to get vaccinated.

Juthani said the state is currently headed in the right direction when it comes to COVID-19, citing declining case rates and hospitalization numbers. But she stressed the pandemic is not yet over and new variants may arise.

These interventions that we know that work?"

Juthani said the state might have to impose some of those interventions for a while but "it is largely going to go back to people."

The commissioner said she hopes to launch a media campaign to help people understand how the state plans to transition to learning to live with the virus and managing such flareups.

"My hope is that we continue to see a decline in cases over the next several weeks and that trajectory continues," she said. "And if we see that, then I think we'll be able to help people understand and then think about how we discuss and report on this virus thereafter."

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October, but has raised just \$2,265 of its \$1.5 million goal.

Currently, the restaurant, bar and function room are the only rooms in the 60 Charter Oak Ave. building that are open to the public, and except on rare occasions, only on weekends. The rest of the 24,570-square-foot, three-story building, which was built in 1930 and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1983, has been closed due to budgetary shortfalls, long-overdue repairs and COVID restrictions.

"The last event we had in the ballroom was in 2019," said Mark Bruks, treasurer of the home, as he stood on the mezzanine of the ballroom, whose floor was speckled with plaster falling from the ceiling. He said the building is structurally sound but needs a lot of work.

The building has been on the market since early 2020, with the intention of PNH leasing space from a new owner. The listing price is \$775,000.

Sell or not sell

Peshka said if \$516,000 is raised, the home could pay off all of its debts and back taxes and would continue running the restaurant, hopefully expanding the days and hours, but the building would still be for sale. If \$1.5 million is raised, the building probably would be taken off the market.

"Selling the building isn't our first intention. We wouldn't do it if we didn't have to," he said. "If we had [\$1.5 million], we could pay the debts, do the necessary repairs to the electric system, the lights, the AC, the heat, the plaster, the roof, the facade. We could hire a staff, a manager and rebrand."

But members fear that if the money isn't raised, the city will sell the building to recoup the unpaid property taxes. The annual tax levy on the building is currently \$34,800, according to the realty listing.

"We've been making good-faith payments on the taxes, so we think we could get them to hold off one cycle before selling it. Even if that happened, it'll still be on the block by the end of summer," Bruks said. "But even making those payments is hard. The interest on late payments is 18%. That interest is brutal, and the longer it goes on..."

Peshka said he wrote the letter to



A 1936 photograph of the Board of Directors, including four women, hangs on a wall inside the Polish National Home, a community gathering place and restaurant in Hartford since 1930. MARK MIRKOPHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT



Simple tableware and paper placemats adorn a dining booth inside the Polish National Home.

inform community members about why they were raising money for a building that was on the market. "People were thinking, why should I give money to the place and then it is sold?" he said. "I wanted to explain the whole thing to them."

The home got a PPP loan last year and used that to retain staff, Bruks said. Currently, the club is run with half-paid staff, half volunteers, he said. It did not qualify for a Restaurant Revitalization Fund grant, due to its status as a social club.

History

The building was constructed to give a social center to the burgeoning Polish population in the area. "They broke ground in 1929, the day after the stock market crashed," Bruks said. It was designed in an Art Deco style, with sharply geometric walls and lighting fixtures and elaborately carved thresholds and pillar capitals.

It became a center of Polish-American life in the city, on its own and in partnership with Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church.

"In 1975, I remember there being three people deep at the bar on a Wednesday night, and then people would just walk home," Bruks said. A radio show was broadcast from the building. Wedding receptions, concerts, corporate functions, parties and boxing matches were held there. Recently, the Willie Pep movie shot in Hartford spent about a week filming scenes at the home, to replicate the era's look.

The home started as a share-

holder model, and had about 1,350 shareholders. Later it switched to an annual membership model, and at its peak, had about 750 members, Bruks said. Today, it has about 375.

They attributed the membership loss to people moving to the suburbs. While membership was dwindling, the men said, short-sighted financial mismanagement cut the club's safety net. "In 2003, we had \$530,000 in the bank. By 2013, it was zero. A lot of poor decisions were made regarding the upkeep," Bruks said.

The pandemic was the final blow, he said. A fundraiser in 2021 helped pay some taxes, but the debt load was too crushing, he said. Then came the omicron variant. "Prior to Thanksgiving, we were busy. We anticipated a busy December. Then omicron happened. It really took a bite out of our projected coffers," he said.

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Fitch

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back, and he endured, helping to clear the road for generations of athletes of color who came after him.

"This established the DNA at UConn," Brooks Fitch said. "This was 1932."

Honey Fitch died in 1984, and his story was largely forgotten until now. On Feb. 19 during the UConn men's basketball home game against Xavier, Fitch's son and two of his grandchildren will be at Gampel Pavilion to see him inducted into the Huskies of Honor, joining the legendary men's and women's players who came after him.

"I was overcome," Brooks Fitch said. "I can't believe this is happening 90 years later. This is a significant honor."

When Brooks Fitch, who graduated from UConn in 1964, began to advocate for his father's recognition, he found everyone at the university responded quickly and enthusiastically.

"No one is more deserving of a place in our Huskies of Honor,"

UConn director of athletics David Benedict said. "His courage and undaunted spirit helped create an environment that has provided generations of young men and women with the opportunity to reach their potential at our university."

Last February, the Courant detailed Fitch's time at UConn. He also played baseball and football, having starred in all three at Hillhouse. Had he come along a generation or two later, he may have made millions in one of those sports.

As it was, he was twice voted UConn's most popular athlete by the student body. When Coast Guard refused to play, his teammates were ready to forfeit and go home. There was a 45-minute delay before he was allowed to come out and warm up with his teammates. However, UConn coach John Heldman had apparently agreed not to play him, and his enraged teammates beat Coast Guard in a physical game.

The next day, the athletic directors issued a statement saying such an incident would never be repeated, but the incident became national news. The

student body, in a survey initiated by UConn basketball captain Connie Donahue, voted overwhelmingly that Heldman and AD Roy Guyer should be fired. Within two years, both left.

Honey Fitch transferred from UConn in 1934, largely for financial reasons. He graduated from American International College and went on to a long career in research with Monsanto. He remained a Huskies fan for the rest of his life.

Jeffrey O.G. Ogbah, a professor of history with UConn's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who studies the 20th century United States with a focus on African American history, was one of several in the university community to push for this honor for Fitch.

"I was not surprised to learn of the taunts, jeers, and profane calls directed at Fitch during games," Ogbah said in a UConn Today article. "I was not surprised to learn that the Coast Guard Academy — which was explicitly hostile to racial equality — refused to play against an integrated team. I was, however, truly surprised that an exclu-

sively white student body in the early 1930s supported and rallied around a Black classmate."

History has shown that such action remained at UConn. In 1944, with World War II still raging, UConn welcomed 19 second-generation Japanese Americans who were forced to leave West Coast universities and into internment camps. Kay Kiyokawa and Kiyoto "Ken" Nakaoka, who had played football at UCLA before the war, started in the backfield for UConn, which went 7-1.

In 1974, UConn, under Dee Rowe, was the first college team in New England to field a basketball team with five Black starters, according to RoundballDaily.com.

"On several levels, my father would certainly be honored and proud," Brooks Fitch said. "Honored because he valued his time at UConn, his teammates. He was very humble, he would be embarrassed by it honestly, but at the same time proud and honored that the institution he valued so highly, that he treasured so highly, would see fit to honor him."

What would he think about all UConn basketball has become?

"He would certainly acknowledge the level of character and strength and dignity that the players have shown in everything they've done, men and women," Brooks Fitch said. "He would be extremely proud of the type of players UConn attracts, strong teammates and stars. He would be very, very, very pleased."

If UConn were to one day establish a Honey Fitch Award for courage and character, Brooks Fitch has an idea who his father would admire in 2022.

"R.J. Cole and Tyrese Martin," Brooks Fitch said. "All the players he would really applaud, but he was a point guard. He controlled the game, and he was a strong rebounder, so both of them are not afraid, both very good at distributing the ball and being team leaders. They don't get excited. They stay calm, they stay focused and they stay really in the moment. And when the moment requires them stepping up, they do it."

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Courting GOP on nominee's behalf

Biden, Durbin aim for bipartisan stamp to fill justice's seat

By Mary Clare Jalonick and Colleen Long
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden stretched out for Republican support for his Supreme Court nominee Tuesday, inviting the GOP's top Judiciary Committee senator to the White House along with the panel's Democratic chairman and phoning Republican leader Mitch McConnell for a one-on-one discussion.

Biden and fellow Democrats are working for significant Republican backing for the still-to-be-named nominee to replace retiring Justice Stephen Breyer — a steep challenge in a Senate that has been sharply and bitterly divided over the past three confirmations.

At the White House, Biden — a former longtime senator — called Judiciary Chairman Dick Durbin of Illinois and the ranking Republican, Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley, "two good friends" and noted that they had worked on many Supreme Court nominations together in their decades on the panel.

He noted that the Constitution calls for Senate "advice and consent," on a nominee, and he said, "I'm serious when I say I want the advice of the Senate as well as the consent."

As Biden mulls a replacement for Breyer — a Black woman, he has promised — Durbin has been proposing a cease-fire of sorts after wrenching partisan fights over former President Donald Trump's three



President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris meet Tuesday with Judiciary Committee members Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, left, the ranking Republican, and Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the panel's chairman. PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

nominees. The Democratic senator has been vigorously reaching out to GOP colleagues since Breyer announced last week that he will step down this summer.

McConnell, the leader of Senate Republicans from Kentucky, emphasized in his phone conversation with Biden the importance of a nominee who believes in judicial independence and will resist efforts by politicians to bully the court or change the structure of the judicial system, a McConnell spokesman said.

The meetings are an attempt at detente by the president, who along with Durbin and Grassley

ley is a veteran of a bygone era when Supreme Court justices were confirmed with overwhelming support from both parties. Durbin called their meeting "old home week."

Senate confirmation of Biden's nominee is far from assured.

At a committee meeting Tuesday, Grassley criticized Democratic advocates who pressured Breyer to retire, and he said nominees should be judged "solely on their qualifications." He said he told Biden "that I want somebody that's going to interpret law, not make law."

Maine Sen. Susan Collins, a moderate Republican who

might be the most likely GOP senator to vote for a Biden nominee, called the president's handling of the nomination so far "clumsy."

Other Republicans have openly stoked a debate over Biden's promise to nominate a Black woman. Mississippi Sen. Roger Wicker said he views the process as "affirmative action." Texas Sen. Ted Cruz said it's discriminatory because Biden is saying "wrong skin pigment and wrong Y chromosome" to white men and women.

The court was made up entirely of white men for almost two centuries. Justice Clarence Thomas and the late Thurgood Marshall are the only two Black men who have served on the court. There has never been a Black woman.

Durbin has noted that Ronald Reagan and Trump, both Republican presidents, promised to pick women and were praised when they nominated Sandra Day O'Connor and Amy Coney Barrett, respectively. There have been only five female justices in U.S. history, while there have been 110 men.

"It is not uncommon for a president of the United States in filling a Supreme Court vacancy to announce in advance what type of person he wants," Durbin said Monday.

Collins is a particularly important target for Democrats. She has voted for some of Biden's lower court judges and against Barrett's nomination in 2020. Durbin called her within hours of learning that Breyer would step down, and has made clear that Democrats won't rush the confirmation, in line with her call for a deliberate process.

Collins said she wants "dignified hearings" and bipartisan support — but added that it depends on who the nominee is.

"The reason for us to try to get the nomination process back to the way it used to be when Supreme Court nominees were frequently confirmed overwhelmingly is the credibility of the court is at stake," she said. "If the court is perceived by the American public as a political institution, that is harmful and undermines support for its decisions."

Two other Republicans have signaled they could vote for a Biden nominee — if it is the right one. South Carolina Sens. Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott have both praised J. Michelle Childs, a federal judge who got her law degree from the University of South Carolina School of Law. The White House has said Childs is under consideration.

Other Republicans could be open to voting for a Biden nominee, as well. Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski, who is up for reelection this year, has supported some of his judicial nominees. And some GOP senators said this week that they have no problem with Biden's approach. Missouri Sen. Roy Blunt, who is retiring this year, said he would be "happy to vote for the first Black woman."

Putin: US, allies ignoring Russia's security demands

Adds that Moscow is open to more talks about Ukraine crisis

By Vladimir Isachenkov and Matthew Lee
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday that the U.S. and its allies have ignored Russia's top security demands but added that Moscow remains open to more talks with the West on easing soaring tensions over Ukraine.

Putin argued that it's possible to negotiate an end to the standoff if interests of all parties, including Russia's security concerns, are taken into account.

"I hope that we will eventually find a solution, although we realize that it's not going to be easy," Putin said amid a continuing buildup of an estimated 100,000 Russian troops near Ukraine that fueled Western fears of an invasion.

Russia has denied having an intention to attack its neighbor, but talks between Russia and the West have failed to yield any progress.

Washington and its allies have rejected Moscow's demand for a halt to NATO's expansion to Ukraine and

other ex-Soviet nations, a freeze on the deployment of weapons there and a rollback of alliance forces from Eastern Europe, describing them as nonstarters.

They emphasized that Ukraine, like any other nation, has the right to choose alliances.

The Russian leader countered that argument by noting that the Western allies' refusal to meet Russia's demands violates their obligations on integrity of security for all nations. He warned that Ukraine's accession to NATO could lead to a situation where Ukrainian authorities launch a military action to reclaim control over Crimea or areas controlled by Russia-backed separatists in the country's east.

"Imagine that Ukraine becomes a NATO member and launches those military operations," Putin said. "Should we fight NATO then? Has anyone thought about it?"

Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014 following the ouster of the country's Moscow-friendly president and later threw its weight behind rebels in Ukraine's east, triggering a conflict that has killed over 14,000.

Speaking after talks with

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, who forged close ties with Moscow even though his country is a member of NATO, Putin noted that it's still possible to negotiate a settlement that would take every party's concerns into account.

"We need to find a way to ensure interests and security of all parties, including Ukraine, European nations and Russia," Putin said, emphasizing that the West needs to treat Russian proposals seriously to make progress.

The Russian leader argued that NATO's open-door policy doesn't obligate the alliance to offer membership to Ukraine, suggesting that the alliance could tell Ukraine that it can't join "due to earlier international obligations."

In a bid to exert pressure on the West, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov sent letters to the U.S. and other Western counterparts pointing out their past obligations signed by all members of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, a top trans-Atlantic security grouping.

Russia has argued that NATO's expansion eastward has hurt Russia's security, violating the principle of "indivisibility of security"



A Ukrainian serviceman repositions a bullet-riddled image of Russia's Vladimir Putin on Tuesday in eastern Ukraine. Putin says he's open to more talks on easing tensions. VADIM GHIRDA/AP

endorsed by the OSCE in 1999 and 2010.

Putin charged that the West has "conned" Russia by renegeing on its promises in the early 1990s that NATO would not expand eastward. He argued that the U.S. and its allies have ignored the principle that the security of one nation should not be strengthened at the expense of others, while insisting on every nation's right to choose alliances.

Lavrov made the same argument in his letter that was released by his ministry, stating that "there must be

security for all or there will be no security for anyone."

In a phone call Tuesday with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Lavrov warned that Moscow will not allow Washington to "hush up" the issue.

Blinken, meanwhile, emphasized "the U.S. willingness, bilaterally and together with Allies and partners, to continue a substantive exchange with Russia on mutual security concerns."

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that an estimated 100,000

Russian troops are concentrated near Ukraine's border, another 35,000 to 50,000 are stationed in Crimea and 30,000 to 35,000 more are deployed to Ukraine's rebel-controlled east.

Russia has denied sending any troops and weapons to the separatists.

"We are waiting for Russia to pull the troops back from our border," Zelenskyy said. "That would be an important signal, and the only true answer to a question whether Russia is going to continue the escalation or not."

Pfizer asks FDA to allow COVID-19 shots for kids under 5

By Lauran Neergaard and Matthew Perrone
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pfizer on Tuesday asked the U.S. to authorize extra-low doses of its COVID-19 vaccine for children under 5, potentially opening the way for the youngest Americans to start receiving shots as early as March.

In an extraordinary move, the Food and Drug Administration had urged Pfizer and its partner BioNTech

to apply earlier than the companies had planned.

The nation's 19 million children under 5 are the only group not yet eligible for vaccination against the coronavirus. Many parents have been pushing for an expansion of shots to toddlers and preschoolers, especially as the omicron wave sent record numbers of youngsters to the hospital.

If the FDA agrees, Pfizer shots containing one-tenth of the dose given to adults could be dispensed to chil-

dren as young as 6 months.

An open question is how many shots those youngsters will need. Pfizer is testing three shots after two of the extra-low doses turned out to be strong enough for babies but not for preschoolers, and the final data from the study isn't expected until late March.

That means the FDA may consider whether to authorize two shots for now, with potentially a third shot being cleared later.

The agency's decision

could come within weeks, but that isn't the only hurdle.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also has to sign off.

The Biden administration has been trying to speed the authorization of COVID-19 shots for children, contending vaccinations are critical for opening schools and day care centers and keeping them open, and for freeing up parents so they can go back to work.

Yet vaccination rates have been lower among children

than in other age groups.

As of last week, just 20% of kids ages 5 to 11 and just over half of 12- to 17-year-olds were fully vaccinated, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Nearly three-quarters of adults are fully vaccinated.

While young children are far less likely than adults to get severely ill from the coronavirus, it can happen, and pediatric COVID-19 infections are higher than at any other point in the pandemic.



Pfizer's shot for kids under 5 contains one-tenth of the dose given to adults. AP 2021



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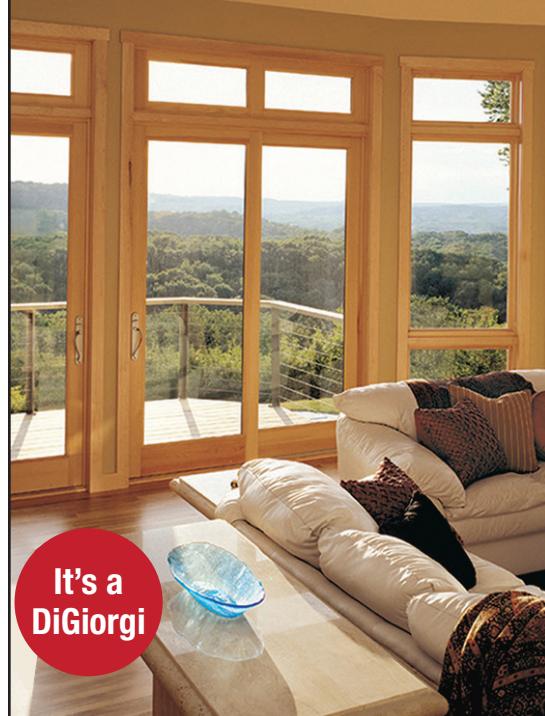
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US road deaths jump at record pace as risky driving habits persist

From news services

WASHINGTON — The number of U.S. traffic deaths surged in the first nine months of 2021 to 31,720, the government reported Tuesday, keeping up a record pace of increased dangerous driving during the coronavirus pandemic.

The estimated figure of people dying in motor vehicle crashes from January to September 2021 was 12% higher than the same period in 2020. That represents the highest percentage increase over a nine-month period since the Transportation Department began recording fatal crash data in 1975.

Federal data from the department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration showed that traffic fatalities increased during the nine-month period in 38 states, led by those in the West and South. The numbers declined in 10 states and the District of Columbia and were flat in two states.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg released a new national strategy last week aimed at reversing the trend. Buttigieg said his department over the next two years will provide federal guidance as well as billions in grants under President Joe Biden's new infrastructure law to spur states and localities to lower speed limits and embrace safer road design.

Traffic deaths began to spike in 2019. NHTSA has blamed reckless driving behavior for increases during the pandemic, citing behavioral research showing that speeding and traveling without a seat belt have been higher. Before 2019, the number of fatalities had fallen for three consecutive years.

Nearly 7,800 more

people died from January through September in 2021 compared with figures from 2011, according to government estimates.

Jonathan Adkins, executive director of the Governors Highway Safety Association, which represents state safety offices, described the latest figures as a "nightmare."

Stranded journalist: A pregnant New Zealand journalist who was stranded in Afghanistan by her home country's COVID-19 border policy said Tuesday she will return home after her government offered her a pathway back.

The offer amounted to a backdown by New Zealand after officials had earlier insisted that Charlotte Bellis needed to reapply for a spot in the country's bottlenecked quarantine hotels.

Deputy Prime Minister Grant Robertson said Bellis had been offered a voucher for a room.

"I will be returning to my home country New Zealand at the beginning of March to give birth to our baby girl," Bellis said in a statement.

Her case had quickly become an embarrassment to New Zealand, which has thousands of citizens waiting abroad for space to open in the military-run border quarantine hotels.

Chris Bunny, head of New Zealand's quarantine system, said the new offer was made to Bellis because Afghanistan was extremely dangerous and there was a risk of terrorism.

Canada protest: In the aftermath of Canada's biggest pandemic protest to date, the demonstrators have found little sympathy in a country where more



Deadly landslide: Residents and rescue workers search for people inside a car after a rain-weakened hillside collapsed Tuesday in Quito, Ecuador. Officials in the South American country's capital said the landslide killed at least 22 people, injured 32 others and destroyed eight houses as waves of mud up to 10 feet high were reported in two neighborhoods. **DOLORES OCHOA/AP**

than 80% are vaccinated against COVID-19.

Thousands of protesters railing against vaccine mandates and other restrictions descended on the capital over the weekend. Several carried signs and flags with swastikas.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called the Ottawa protesters a "fringe minority" and said they reflected the proliferation of "disinformation and misinformation online, conspiracy theorists, about microchips, about God knows what else that go with the tinfoil hats."

A smaller but still significant number of protesters remained on the streets Tuesday, saying they won't leave until all vaccine mandates and other restrictions are gone.

A surge of the highly contagious omicron variant has led to record cases and lockdowns in Ontario and Quebec, Canada's most populous provinces.

WHO on omicron: The

World Health Organization chief said Tuesday that 90 million cases of coronavirus have been reported since the omicron variant was first identified 10 weeks ago — amounting to more than in all of 2020, the first year of the pandemic.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus cautioned that omicron should not be underestimated even though it has shown to bring less severe illness than earlier variants — and cited "a very worrying increase in deaths in most regions of the world."

WHO said four of its six regions worldwide are seeing increasing trends in deaths.

Many European countries have begun easing lockdown measures, including Britain, France, Ireland and the Netherlands. Finland will end its COVID-19 restrictions this month.

"Now is not the time to lift everything all at once. We have always urged — always urged — caution in applying interventions as well as lift-

ing those interventions in a steady and in a slow way, piece by piece," said Maria Van Kerkhove, WHO's technical lead on COVID-19.

Mass killer denied parole:

A Norwegian court ruled Tuesday that far-right extremist Anders Behring Breivik, who killed 77 people in 2011, must remain in prison, saying there remains "an obvious risk" he could return to behavior that led to the massacre.

Last month, Breivik faced a parole hearing where he professed white supremacist views and flashed Nazi salutes even while claiming to have renounced violence.

The ruling said he "used extreme violence as a tool to achieve his own political goals" and the court "has no doubt that (Breivik) still today has the ability to commit new serious crimes that may expose others to danger."

Breivik is serving Norway's maximum 21-year sentence for setting off a bomb in Oslo's government

district and carrying out a mass shooting at a summer camp for young left-wing activists. A provision could keep Breivik in custody beyond 21 years.

Winter weather: A huge swath of the U.S. braced Tuesday for a major winter storm that was expected to dump heavy snow in the Rockies, ice highways, disrupt travel across the Midwest and plunge temperatures below freezing in Texas.

Airlines had canceled more than 800 flights in the U.S. scheduled for Wednesday, the flight tracking service FlightAware.com showed, including many in St. Louis and Chicago.

Winter storm watches and warnings covered a wide swath of the country from El Paso, Texas, through the Midwest and parts of the Northeast to Burlington, Vermont. The storm follows a vicious nor'easter that brought blizzard conditions to many parts of the East Coast.

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WORLD & NATION

'Book bans back in style' in the US

More challenges being made at pace not seen in decades

By Elizabeth A. Harris and Alexandra Alter
The New York Times

In Wyoming, a county prosecutor's office considered charges against library employees for stocking books like "Sex Is a Funny Word" and "This Book Is Gay."

In Oklahoma, a bill was introduced in the state Senate that would prohibit public school libraries from keeping books on hand that focus on sexual activity, sexual identity or gender identity.

In Tennessee, the McMinn County Board of Education voted to remove the Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic novel "Maus" from an eighth-grade module on the Holocaust because of nudity and curse words.

Parents, activists, school board officials and lawmakers around the country are challenging books at a pace not seen in decades. The American Library Association said in a preliminary report that it received an "unprecedented" 330 reports of book challenges, each of which can include multiple books, in the fall.

"It's a pretty startling phenomenon here in the United States to see book bans back in style, to see efforts to press criminal charges against school librarians," said Suzanne Nossel, chief executive of free-speech organization PEN America, even if efforts to press charges have failed.

Such challenges have long been a staple of school board meetings, but it isn't just their frequency that has changed, according to educators, librarians and free-speech advocates — it is also the tactics behind them and the venues where they play out.

Conservative groups in particular, fueled by social



Jack Petocz with signs he used at a Jan. 6 school board meeting in Flagler County, Fla. TODD ANDERSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES

media, are now pushing the challenges into statehouses, law enforcement and political races.

"The politicalization of the topic is what's different than what I've seen in the past," said Britten Follett, chief executive of content at Follett School Solutions, one of the country's largest providers of books to K-12 schools. "It's being driven by legislation; it's being driven by politicians aligning with one side or the other. And in the end, the librarian, teacher or educator is getting caught in the middle."

Among the most frequent targets are books about race, gender and sexuality, like George M. Johnson's "All Boys Aren't Blue," Jonathan Evison's "Lawn Boy," Maia Kobabe's "Gender Queer" and Toni Morrison's "The Bluest Eye."

Advocacy group No Left Turn in Education maintains lists of books it says are "used to spread radical and racist ideologies to

students," including Howard Zinn's "A People's History of the United States" and Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale." Those who are demanding certain books be removed insist this is an issue of parental rights and choice, and that all parents should be free to direct the upbringing of their own children.

Others say prohibiting these titles altogether violates the rights of other parents and the rights of children who believe access to these books is important. Many school libraries already have mechanisms in place to stop individual students from checking out books of which their parents disapprove.

Author Laurie Halse Anderson, whose young adult books have frequently been challenged, said that pulling titles that deal with difficult subjects can make it harder for students to discuss issues like racism and sexual assault.

"By attacking these books,

by attacking the authors, by attacking the subject matter, what they are doing is removing the possibility for conversation," she said. "You are laying the groundwork for increasing bullying, disrespect, violence and attacks."

Tiffany Justice, a former school board member in Indian River County, Florida, and a founder of Moms for Liberty, said that parents should not be vilified for asking if a book is appropriate.

Some of the books being challenged involve sexual activity, including oral sex and anal sex, she said, and children are not ready for that kind of material.

"There are different stages of development of sexuality in our lives, and when that's disrupted, it can have horrible long-term effects," she said.

Book challenges aren't just coming from the right: "Of Mice and Men" and "To Kill a Mockingbird," for example, have been chal-

lenged over the years for how they address race, and both were among the library association's 10 most-challenged books in 2020.

In the Mukilteo School District in Washington state, the school board voted this week to remove "To Kill a Mockingbird" — voted the best book of the past 125 years in a survey of readers conducted by The New York Times Book Review — from the ninth-grade curriculum at the request of staff members. Their objections included arguments that the novel marginalized characters of color, celebrated "white saviorhood" and used racial slurs dozens of times without addressing their derogatory nature.

Political leaders on the right have seized on the controversies over books.

The newly elected governor of Virginia, Glenn Youngkin, a Republican, rallied his supporters by framing book bans as an issue of parental control and highlighted the issue in a

campaign ad featuring a mother who wanted Toni Morrison's "Beloved" to be removed from her son's high school curriculum.

In Texas, Gov. Greg Abbott demanded that the state's education agency "investigate any criminal activity in our public schools involving the availability of pornography," a move that librarians in the state fear could make them targets of criminal complaints.

George M. Johnson, author of "All Boys Aren't Blue," a memoir about growing up Black and queer, was stunned in November to learn that a school board member in Flagler County, Florida, had filed a complaint with the sheriff's department against the book. Written for readers aged 14 and older, it includes scenes that depict oral and anal sex and sexual assault.

"I didn't know that was something you could do, file a criminal complaint against a book," Johnson said.

At a school board meeting where the book was debated, a group of students protested the ban and distributed free copies, while counterprotesters assailed it as pornography and occasionally screamed obscenities and anti-gay slurs, according to a student who organized the protest and posted video footage of the event.

Johnson made a video appearance at the meeting and argued that the memoir contained valuable lessons about consent and that it highlighted difficult issues that teenagers are likely to encounter in their lives.

A district panel reviewed the book and determined it was "appropriate for use" in high school libraries.

But the decision was overruled by the county superintendent, who told the school board that "All Boys Aren't Blue" would be kept out of libraries, while new policies are created to allow parents more control over which books their kids can access.



A Buddhist monk raises a clenched fist during an anti-military rally Tuesday in Mandalay, Myanmar. Tuesday marked one year since Myanmar's army seized control of the country. AP

'Silent strike,' violence mark 1 year of Myanmar army rule

By Grant Peck
Associated Press

BANGKOK — A nationwide strike in Myanmar on Tuesday marked the first anniversary of the army's seizure of power, as protests and sporadic violence across the country renewed international concern over the ongoing struggle for power.

Photos and video on social media showed that a countrywide "silent strike" had emptied streets in Myanmar's largest city of Yangon and other towns as people stayed home and businesses shut their doors.

Violence was reported as well, as the country faces an insurgency that some U.N. experts now characterize as a civil war.

Local media said an explosion killed at least two people and injured dozens at a pro-military rally in a town on the eastern border with Thailand. The cause of the blast was not immediately clear.

The military's takeover on Feb. 1, 2021, ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi, whose National League for Democracy party was about

to begin a second term in office after winning a landslide victory in the November 2020 election.

Widespread nonviolent demonstrations followed the army's takeover, but armed resistance arose after protests were put down with lethal force. About 1,500 civilians have been killed, but the government has been unable to suppress the opposition.

U.S. President Joe Biden in a statement called for the military to free Suu Kyi and other detainees, and return Myanmar on a path to democracy.

The U.S. on Monday imposed new sanctions on Myanmar officials, adding to those targeting top military officers. The measures freeze any assets the listed officials may have in U.S. jurisdictions and bar Americans from doing business with them. Britain and Canada announced similar measures.

Scattered pro-democracy rallies were held before the start of the nationwide strike in the early morning, when security forces are less likely to be out on the streets. Protesters including Buddhist monks carried

banners and chanted anti-military slogans.

Opposition fighters also claimed to have carried out bombings Tuesday in 11 Yangon neighborhoods — targeting a police station and homes of military officers, among other sites. A message posted on Facebook by a group calling itself the Yangon Region Military Command made no mention of casualties.

In the town of Myitkyina in northern Kachin state, a bombing at a police station led to officers firing on a car fleeing the scene, according to local news outlet The 74 Media.

A stray bullet killed a 7-year-old boy living nearby.

Authorities had threatened shopkeepers with arrest if they closed for the opposition's strike.

Several pro-military demonstrations, widely believed to have been organized by the authorities, were also held.

Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, leader of the military-installed government, delivered an hourlong speech where he pledged to work toward a "genuine and disciplined multiparty democratic system."

Manchin proclaims Biden's Build Back Better bill 'dead'

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Joe Manchin declared Tuesday that President Joe Biden's vast social and environmental bill is "dead," using his strongest language to date to underscore that any revival of Democrats' top domestic priorities would have to arise from negotiations that are now moribund.

The remarks by the West Virginia Democrat didn't substantively alter the stance he'd taken in December, when he said he couldn't support the legislation as written. But his latest comments illustrated anew the election-year challenges facing his party as it struggles to resuscitate parts of the package and win over voters weary of the pandemic and coping with the worst inflation in decades.

"What Build Back Better bill?" Manchin said Tuesday, using the legislation's name, when reporters asked about it. "There is no, I mean, I don't know what you're all talking about." Asked if he'd had any talks about it, he added, "No, no. No. It's dead."

Manchin has repeatedly said he remains open to talks aimed at crafting a smaller bill that could include its provisions aimed at reducing carbon emissions, creating free prekindergarten programs and increasing federal health care subsidies. But he has said negotiations have yet to begin.

"I'm open to talk to everybody, always have been," he said Monday. "I just want to make sure we find a balance and something we can afford, and do it and do it right."

And while he expressed support for the original bill's provisions bolstering renewable energy, he said he also wants to "use



Sen. Joe Manchin told reporters he didn't know what they were talking about when asked about President Biden's Build Back Better bill. AMANDA ANDRADE-RHOADES/AP

cleanest, absolute possible versions that you can." Manchin's state is a significant coal producer.

White House spokeswoman Jen Psaki declined to comment on Manchin's remarks.

In December, Manchin's abrupt announcement of his opposition to the 10-year, roughly \$2 trillion measure, which had already passed the House, snuffed out its prospects in the Senate. His party needs his vote to prevail in that chamber, where every Republican opposes the legislation and Vice President Kamala Harris can vote to break ties.

All this comes as both parties are showing a near daily focus on economic issues important to voters ahead of November voting when party control of Congress is at stake.

On Tuesday, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., lauded rising wages and the economy's 5.7% growth last year, the biggest increase since 1984.

He partly credited the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill Democrats enacted over GOP opposition last March, saying, "The right leadership in government matters."

Schumer did not specifically mention the effort to revamp the social and environment bill or use the word "inflation," which hit 7% last year, the worst figure in nearly four decades.

Moments later, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., uttered "inflation" 10 times in his remarks.

WORLD & NATION

Migrants in Mexico still have hope

For asylum-seekers, there's 'no other way to cross legally' to US

By Maria Verza
and Elliot Spagat
Associated Press

REYNOSA, Mexico — A revived Trump-era policy to make asylum-seekers wait in Mexico for hearings in U.S. court is reviled by immigration advocates and repudiated by the Biden administration, which acted under a judge's order. Asylum hopeful Alexander Sanchez of Venezuela has a more favorable view.

"There is no other way to cross legally and, for that reason, I think it's good," he said at a migrant shelter in Reynosa, a Mexican border city where he has been living for nine months with his wife and their 5-year-old daughter.

Sanchez's optimism reflects the desperation of migrants who have seen asylum shut down under U.S. restrictions that deny humanitarian protections on grounds of preventing spread of the coronavirus, another Trump-era policy that the Biden administration supports.

The U.S. returned its first asylum-seekers from Brownsville, Texas, starting Jan. 25, under its "Migrant Protection Protocols" policy. It was barely noticed — the latest step in a slow-moving rollout across the border to make asylum hearings available to migrants who wait in Mexico.

So far, "MPP 2.0" pales compared to pandemic-related restrictions on seeking asylum at the border. Only 381 migrants had been returned to Mexico to wait for hearings from Dec. 6, when it resumed in El Paso, Texas, through Wednesday, according to the U.N. migration agency.

U.S. authorities expelled migrants more than 1.5



Migrants from Brazil seeking asylum make their way through a gap in the border wall after crossing from Mexico to Yuma, Arizona. EUGENE GARCIA/AP 2021

million times without an opportunity to claim asylum since March 2020 under the pandemic restrictions known as Title 42 authority, named for a 1944 public health law.

In December alone, they were expelled nearly 80,000 times.

Walter Alexis Beltran said staying at a camp of some 2,000 migrants in Reynosa's central plaza with his wife and 4-year-old daughter was better than living at home in El Salvador.

The optometrist charges 25 cents to charge migrants' phones with a battery he purchased with his last savings.

Beltran has been living at the camp for four months, disappointed that U.S. authorities sent him back to Mexico under Title 42 authority without a chance to make his case for asylum.

U.S. authorities expelled migrants more than 1.5

He said he paid a smuggler \$4,500 to reach the U.S. from Mexico.

"MPP has advantages and disadvantages," Beltran said amid a labyrinth of tents. "The disadvantage is that it's dangerous here."

Their hopes may be misplaced.

Less than 1% of claims were granted among more than 70,000 people in MPP from its launch in January 2019 to when President Joe Biden suspended it on his first day in office a year ago, according to Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse. About half were pending and the rest denied or dismissed.

In August, U.S. District Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk, a Trump appointee in Amarillo, Texas, ordered that the policy be reinstated "in good faith," subject to Mexi-

co's acceptance, triggering months of intense bilateral talks. Biden has been critical of the policy, largely because it exposes migrants to violence while waiting in Mexico.

Despite the appearance of asylum being virtually banned, U.S. authorities process about six of every 10 people who cross illegally under immigration laws, which include the right to seek asylum.

Nearly all of them — about 100,000 in December alone — are released or detained in the U.S. while judges consider their cases.

The administration has not said why so many can seek asylum while remaining in the U.S. — and so many can't.

More clarity about U.S. policies is needed, said Abraham Barberi, founder of the Dulce Refugio de Matam-

ros migrant shelter east of Reynosa, who is in regular contact with U.S. authorities.

"Their goal is fewer people coming and discouraging people, but they have to make clear who can come and who can't," Barberi said. "People need clear direction."

Talks to resume MPP began every other week after the judge's order in August and became more frequent as negotiators tackled a growing number of sticking points and logistics and as small migrant caravans moved through southern Mexico.

From the start, Mexico worried about returning people with court dates in the U.S. to the state of Tamaulipas, considered the border's most dangerous area. It lies across from Texas' Rio Grande Valley, the busiest corridor for illegal crossings.

The Biden administration started "MPP 2.0" in El Paso with plans to process 30 to 50 people a day there, according to a U.S. official who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

They fell far short, even after extending the policy to San Diego in early January.

Of 256 asylum-seekers returned from El Paso as of Jan. 12, Nicaraguans accounted for about three of every five with Venezuelans and Cubans making up most of the rest, according to Human Rights First, an advocacy group.

The Biden administration has declined to say how many asylum-seekers have been returned to Mexico with court dates in the U.S. since the policy resumed and has not provided a breakdown by nationality.

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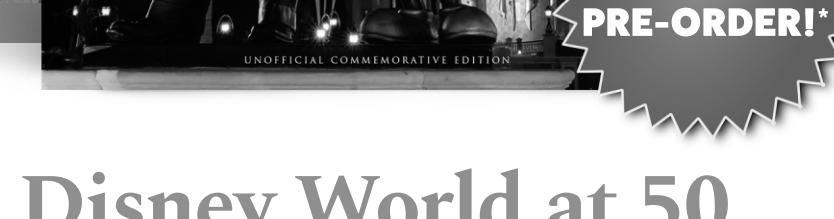
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Tesla's 'Full Self-Driving' software runs stop signs

Company recalling nearly 54,000 vehicles to update, disable 'rolling' feature

By Tom Krisher
Associated Press

DETROIT — Tesla is recalling nearly 54,000 cars and SUVs because their "Full Self-Driving" software lets them roll through stop signs without coming to a complete halt.

Recall documents posted Tuesday by U.S. safety regulators say that Tesla will disable the feature with an over-the-internet software update. The "rolling stop" feature allows vehicles to go through intersections with all-way stop signs at up to 5.6 mph.

The recall shows that Tesla programmed its vehicles to violate the law in most states, where police will ticket drivers for disregarding stop signs. The Governors Highway Safety Association, which represents state highway safety offices, said it is not aware of any state where a rolling stop is legal.

Tesla agreed to the recall after two meetings with officials from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, according to documents. Tesla said in docu-

ments that it knows of no crashes or injuries caused by feature.

The recall covers Model S sedans and X SUVs from 2016 through 2022, as well as 2017 to 2022 Model 3 sedans and 2020 through 2022 Model Y SUVs.

Selected Tesla drivers are "beta testing" the "Full Self-Driving" software on public roads. The company says the cars cannot drive themselves and drivers must be ready to take action at all times.

The update to disable the rolling stops is expected to be sent out early this month.

NHTSA said failing to stop for a sign can increase the risk of a crash. "The Vehicle Safety Act prohibits manufacturers from selling vehicles with defects posing unreasonable risks to safety, including intentional design choices that are unsafe," the agency said.

Tesla introduced the "rolling stop" feature in a software update that was sent out to the testing owners in October 2020. NHTSA met with Tesla on Jan. 10 and 19 to discuss how the software operates, the documents said. On Jan. 20, the company

agreed to disable the rolling stops with the software update.

The "rolling stop" feature let the Teslas go through all-way stop signs as long as the owner enabled the function. The vehicles have to be traveling below 5.6 mph while approaching the intersection, and no "relevant" moving cars, pedestrians or bicyclists can be detected nearby. All roads leading to the intersection had to have speed limits of 30 mph or less, the documents said. The Teslas would then be allowed to go through the intersection at 0.1 mph to 5.6 mph without coming to a complete stop.

Philip Koopman, a professor of electrical and computer engineering at Carnegie Mellon University, said four-way stop signs are commonly placed to protect intersections for children when no crossing guard is present. He said Tesla's "machine learning" system can mistakenly identify objects.

"What happens when FSD decides a child crossing the street is not 'relevant' and fails to stop?" he asked. "This is an unsafe behavior and should never have been put in vehicles."

OxyContin maker said to be close to new deal

By Geoff Mulvihill
Associated Press

The attorneys general for eight holdout states and the District of Columbia are close to reaching a new settlement with OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma that would require members of the family who own the company to increase their contribution to the deal, according to a court filing.

A judge Tuesday gave them 16 more days of protection from lawsuits over the toll of the drug while the details are worked out.

Legal protections for members of the Sackler family had been set to expire Tuesday, opening the floodgates for new or resumed claims that individuals in the billionaire family bore personal responsibility for an opioid crisis that has been linked to the deaths of more than 500,000 Americans over the past two decades.

At a hearing held by video conference from his White Plains, New York, courtroom, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert Drain agreed to the extend legal protections for family members for the 12th time since 2019.

The ruling came a day after a second bankruptcy judge who is serving as a mediator in the matter said the Sacklers and other parties are close to a new settlement.

The judge, Shelley Chapman, said in the court filing Monday that members of the Sackler family would contribute a "substantial additional consideration" above the \$4.5 billion in cash and charitable assets they've already agreed to pay as part of a deal, along with giving up ownership of Stamford, Connecticut-based Purdue.

She said that the attorneys general for eight states and the District of Columbia who objected to a previous settlement deal were close to agreeing in principle to the new one.

Chapman said mediation should wrap up by Monday.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Tribes reach deal over opioids toll

Native American tribes have reached settlements over the toll of opioids totaling \$590 million with drugmaker Johnson & Johnson and the country's three largest drug distribution companies, according to a court filing Tuesday.

The filing in Cleveland lays out the details of the settlements with Johnson & Johnson and AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson. The same companies are nearing the final stages of approval of settlements worth \$26 billion with several state and local governments.

All federally recognized tribes will be able to participate in the settlements, even if they did not sue over opioids.

Many tribes have been hit hard by the addiction and overdose crisis.

NY Times buys popular Wordle

NEW YORK — The New York Times said Monday that it has bought Wordle, the free online word game that has exploded in popularity and, for some, become a daily obsession.

It listed the purchase price as being in the "low-seven figures," but did not disclose specifics.

The Times said "at the time it moves to The New York Times, Wordle will be free to play for new and existing players, and no changes will be made to its gameplay."

Wordle was created by Josh Wardle, a Brooklyn software engineer. He originally made it for his partner, but released it to the public in October. Now, the simple puzzle that lets players guess a five-letter word has millions of daily players, The Times said.



Workers milk cows at the Welcome Stock Farms in Schuylerville, N.Y. The state is weighing a farm worker overtime change. HANS PENNINK/AP

Push for 'better quality of life'

NY board votes in favor of adopting 40-hour overtime rule for agricultural workers

By Michael Hill
Associated Press

SCHUYLERVILLE, N.Y. — The thousands of people paid to plant corn, pick apples and milk cows in New York often work long days, six days a week — and earn overtime only after 60 hours of labor.

New York took a big step Friday toward lowering that threshold when a state board voted to recommend that a 40-hour overtime rule for farm workers be phased in over the next 10 years.

If the recommendation is approved by the state labor commissioner, New York would join California and Washington state in phasing in an overtime threshold common in other industries.

The vote by the three-member wage board capped a series of public hearings last month that heated up debate over compensation for agricultural workers in New York, many from Mexico, Guatemala and other foreign countries.

"We need a better quality of life," veteran dairy worker Lazaro Alvarez said recently. He is among those who say the change is

long overdue for an estimated 55,000 agricultural workers in New York.

But the prospect is alarming farmers. They warn the extra costs would wipe out marginal farms, hobble others and actually reduce workers' earnings if farmers cap hours to manage expenses.

"While the industry overall may survive, many individual farms will not," Chris Laughton of Farm Credit East, a lender for the agriculture industry in the Northeast, testified this month.

At Welcome Stock Farm near Saratoga Springs, Bill Peck said overtime after 40 hours for the farm's 18 full-time employees would cost him up to an extra \$12,000 a month. Dairy farmers like Peck say they cannot simply raise prices to reflect added expenses, since wholesale milk prices are regulated.

"We aren't going to be able to invest in a new tractor. We aren't going to be able to invest in adding another barn," said Peck. "That money is going to go just into payroll, so which is good for them in the short term, but long term the business can't survive."

Crop farmers who grow vegetables and apples say they would be hard hit when extra seasonal labor is needed. They say higher overtime costs will make them less competitive with farms in other states.

Farm workers in New York didn't qualify

for overtime pay until 2020, when the state changed the law to mandate extra pay for workers who exceeded 60 hours a week. The new law also instructed the wage board to consider whether to recommend a lower threshold.

The board voted Friday to lower the farm threshold by four hours every other year, starting with overtime after 56 hours on or after Jan. 1, 2024.

Farmworkers would be able to earn overtime after 40 hours in 2032 under the recommendation. The board still needs to make a formal recommendation to Gov. Kathy Hochul's labor commissioner, who can accept, reject or modify them.

Average hourly wages for agricultural workers in the region last year were \$16.16, according to federal figures, though some earn the minimum wage of \$13.20.

California has been lowering farm overtime levels in phases over several years. Larger farms in California had to begin providing overtime after 40 hours starting this year. Farms with 25 or fewer employees will hit the 40-hour mark in 2025.

Washington state approved a law last year phasing in overtime pay for agricultural workers.

Several other states offer some farm workers overtime, with limitations and exceptions.

Workers at GM plant in Mexico voting on union

By Mark Stevenson
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Workers at a General Motors plant in northern Mexico began voting Tuesday on whether to form one of the first truly independent auto labor unions in Mexican history.

The vote among the roughly 6,500 employees of GM transmission and pickup plants in the city of Silao is a major test of whether a measure of freedom has come to Mexican labor practices.

For almost a century, Mexican unions have been largely a sham, with sold-out leaders guaranteeing low wages that drained manufacturing jobs out of the United States. Mexican auto workers make

one-eighth to one-tenth of the wages of their U.S. counterparts, spurring a massive relocation of auto plants to Mexico.

Under changes to Mexican labor law required under the U.S.-Mexico-Canada free trade pact, workers can now in theory vote out the old, pro-company union bosses.

But independent labor activists still face threats and pressure tactics; a union activist said that just two days before the voting began, thugs told her not to show up for the vote.

"They just came by my house, two men and a woman, telling me to send a statement saying neither I nor any other worker should show up tomorrow, or if not there will be problems," said Alejandra Morales

Reynoso, the leader of the Independent Union of Auto Industry Workers, known by its initials in Spanish as Sintia.

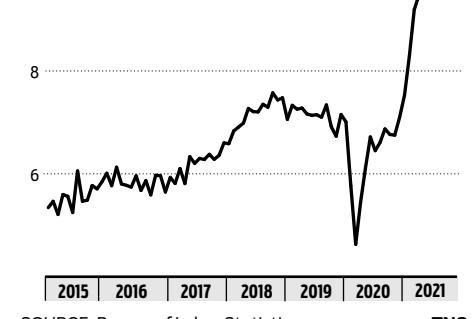
"That is what we call a direct threat against me, my family and my coworkers here," Morales Reynoso said Monday.

United Automobile Workers President Ray Curry called on Mexican labor authorities and General Motors to "allow for the presence of international and domestic observers to ensure no threats or intimidation occurs." Mexico's electoral institute and human rights agency said they are sending observers.

In the ballot vote Tuesday and Wednesday, plant employees can choose which union will represent them: Sintia, or one of three old-guard unions.

Job openings

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SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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BUSINESS

Webster Bank completes deal for New York lender

Waterbury-based lender adding branch banking options for customers

By Kenneth R. Gosselin

Hartford Courant

Customers of Webster Bank will have dozens of new branch banking options when traveling to Long Island, Manhattan and nearby New York suburbs as the Waterbury-based lender has completed its acquisition of Sterling Bancorp.

Webster Financial Corp.'s acquisition of the parent of Sterling National Bank, a transaction valued at more than \$5 billion, will push Webster deeper into the attractive and contiguous Long Island market forming a regional bank with \$65 billion in assets.

Existing Webster custom-

ers will be able to transact business at former Sterling Bank branches immediately, a Webster spokeswoman said.

The combined bank is taking the Webster name, and it will establish a new headquarters in Stamford, relocating from Waterbury where the bank was founded in 1935.

Webster said it will still retain a significant presence in Waterbury.

Together, the merged banks will have 202 branches and 380 ATMs across Connecticut, New York and two other states: Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

"Today marks a transforma-

history that will greatly benefit our colleagues, clients, communities and shareholders," John R. Ciulla, Webster's president and chief executive, said, in a release.

Ciulla said its bigger size will pave the way for significant loan growth and won't change a "longstanding commitment to community development and corporate citizenship."

The two banks don't have a large overlap in their branch networks, but cost savings in bank mergers typically come in eliminating staff duplication in headquarters and administrative jobs.

The Webster-Sterling deal also comes as banks combine to pool resources to invest in expensive and increasingly sophisticated, convenience driven technol-

ogy demanded by consumers and business customers.

While branches remain integral, experts say the pandemic has further lessened reliance on them, a trend that has been developing for a decade.

The all-stock transaction, which was billed as a merger of equals, wraps up as another major merger involving Webster's biggest Connecticut-based rival, People's United Bank is still pending.

Buffalo, N.Y.-based M&T Bank had expected to complete its \$7.6 billion deal for Bridgeport-based People's United by the end of last year. But a key approval is still needed from the Federal Reserve.

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The parent of Webster Bank has completed its acquisition of New York-based Sterling Bancorp. **WEBSTER BANK**

Epstein's assets have shrunk dramatically since his death

By Matthew Goldstein

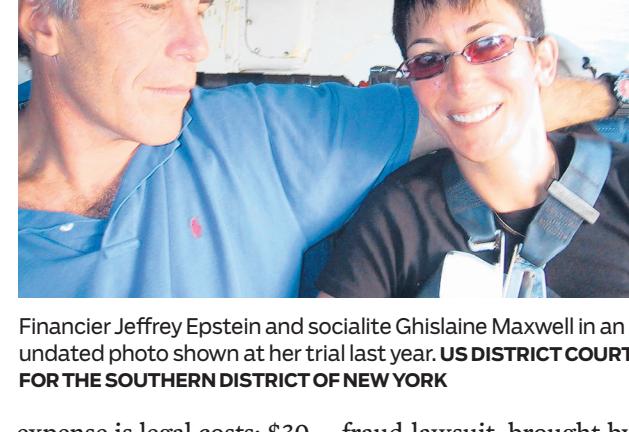
The New York Times

When Jeffrey Epstein died, he left behind an estate with an estimated value of \$600 million. There were vast financial holdings, a private jet and palatial properties including an island hideaway, a grand Manhattan mansion and a 7,600-acre New Mexico ranch.

But taxes, property upkeep and temperature-controlled storage for his art collection — as well as \$121 million in settlements to more than 135 women who accused him of sexually abusing them when they were young — have since cut into his the size of Epstein's estate.

It is now worth about one-third of its value when the 66-year-old financier hanged himself in a Manhattan jail cell while awaiting trial on sex-trafficking charges 2 1/2 years ago.

The biggest continuing



Financier Jeffrey Epstein and socialite Ghislaine Maxwell in an undated photo shown at her trial last year. **US DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

expense is legal costs: \$30 million so far to law firms brought in to clean up Epstein's affairs. Lawyers have helped hand out settlements, liquidate assets and sift through the complicated holdings of a man who once set up his own offshore bank.

The work won't be finished soon. The estate must still resolve a civil

fraud lawsuit, brought by the attorney general of the Virgin Islands, who claims Epstein used the territory to facilitate a criminal enterprise by bilking it out of over \$70 million in tax revenue.

And Ghislaine Maxwell, the former associate of Epstein who was convicted of sex-trafficking charges in December, has sued the

estate to recoup her legal fees.

Not until all that is over will the estate dispense whatever is left, according to the terms of a secret trust Epstein set up and named in a will drawn just two days before he died.

The details of the trust are not public.

But Karyna Shuliak, Epstein's girlfriend and the last person he spoke to on the phone before his death, will be one of the main beneficiaries, The New York Times previously reported. A lawyer for Shuliak declined to comment.

The estate has paid \$9 million to the lawyers and their team who established and oversaw the victims' restitution fund, and \$21 million to at least 16 law firms for services and expenses, according to a review of quarterly financial statements filed by the estate in Superior Court in the Virgin Islands.

Five firms — Troutman Pepper, Hughes Hubbard & Reed, White & Case, McLaughlin & Stern and Kellerhals Ferguson Kroblin — have each taken in fees that exceed the nearly \$900,000 average award to victims from the compensation fund.

Daniel Weiner, a lawyer with Hughes Hubbard, which has billed the estate more than \$6 million, said it was wrong to compare the legal fees and the settlement amounts. He said the estate's executors, Darren Indyke and Richard Kahn, had put no limitations on the amount of money handed out by the restitution fund, which an independent administrator oversaw.

The victims who participated, he added, were able to avoid litigation costs that could have reduced the amount they received. Victims' lawyers are being paid out of the awards; a one-third share is typical.

The fees are just one component of the long list of costs that have whittled away at the fortune that Epstein built primarily by providing financial and tax advice to a small group of wealthy men.

The estate's tax bill alone was roughly \$180 million. Upkeep of the properties — two tropical islands, the ranch and a Paris apartment — are still unsold — has cost millions more. The estate is also paying about \$15,000 a month to store Epstein's art collection in a temperature-controlled warehouse in Long Island City, New York, according to court filings.

Cash has come in as assets have been sold off: \$66 million from the sale of Epstein's former homes in Manhattan and Palm Beach, Florida, although that was well below their asking prices. A Gulfstream jet, one of three planes Epstein owned, was sold in late 2020 for \$10 million.

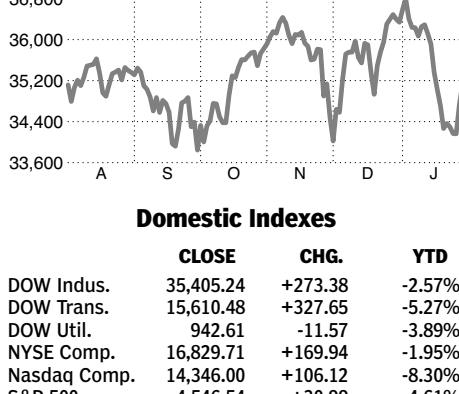
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DOW Util.	942.61	-11.57	-3.89%
NYSE Comp.	16,829.71	+169.94	-1.95%
Nasdaq Comp.	14,346.00	+106.12	-8.30%
S&P 500	4,546.54	+30.99	-4.61%
S&P 400	2,662.49	+27.11	-6.32%
Wilshire 5000	45,807.65	+391.18	-5.48%
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Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	116.78	+2.53	-18.8	
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	16.83	+.36	-6.3	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	79.12	-.47	-9.5	
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	7.89	-.01	+.9	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	174.61	-.17	-1.7	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	46.21	-.51	-7.4	
Bank of America (BAC)	46.94	+.80	+5.5	
Barnes Group (B)	45.51	+.34	-2.3	
Biofrontera Inc (BFR)	4.30	+.91	-42.8	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2465.64	+9.51	+2.8	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	65.19	+.30	+4.6	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	106.27	-.24	+3.0	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	20.93	+.12	+4.0	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	47.05	-.63	-13.3	
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Disney (DIS)	144.49	+1.52	-6.7	
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Gen Electric (GE)	97.95	+3.47	+3.7	
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	72.12	+.25	+4.5	
Honeywell Intl (HON)	205.34	+.86	-1.5	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	15.77	+.47	-9	
ION Geophysical (IO)	.60	+.14	-32.2	
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	23.52	-.05	-7.1	
Intel Corp (INTC)	48.95	+.13	-5.0	
Kaman (KAMN)	40.26	+.29	-6.7	
Keycorp (KEY)	25.55	+.49	+10.5	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	71.17	+1.19	+4.3	
Lucid Group Inc (LCID)	29.96	+.57	-21.3	
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	44.16	+1.44	-1.6	
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)				

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Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.58	2.56	+15.57%

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	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
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Silver (oz)	22.94	22.40	-1.66%

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Guns, germs, Bitcoin and the anti-social right



Paul Krugman

In February 2021 a deep freeze caused widespread power outages in Texas, leaving about 10 million Texans without electricity, in many cases for days. Hundreds died.

The biggest proximate cause of the crisis was disrupted production of natural gas. After a 2011 freeze, federal regulators had urged Texas to require winterization of gas and electricity facilities. But it didn't.

And for the most part it still hasn't: So far, no winterization requirements have been placed on the politically powerful gas sector. Instead, Gov. Greg Abbott is hoping to secure the power grid by encouraging ... Bitcoin mining. This would supposedly reduce the risk of outages because Bitcoin's huge electricity consumption would eventually expand the state's generation capacity.

Yes, that's as crazy as it sounds. But it fits a pattern. When confronted with problems that could easily be alleviated through cooperative action, the radical right-wingers

who have taken over the Republican Party often turn instead to bizarre nonsolutions that appeal to their anti-social ideology. I'll explain why I use that word in a minute.

First, let's talk about the most obvious example: COVID-19 policy. In Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis has tried to block just about every measure intended to limit the spread of the coronavirus; he and his officials have stopped short of being explicitly anti-vaccine, but they have catered to the anti-vax fringe, with DeSantis even refusing to say whether he has received a booster shot.

They have, however, gone all in on anti-body treatments that are far more expensive than vaccines, with DeSantis demanding that the Food and Drug Administration allow use of antibodies that, the agency has found, don't work against omicron.

Why support expensive, ineffective treatments while opposing measures that would help prevent severe illness? Well, consider a parallel that may not be immediately obvious but is actually quite close: school shootings.

Among major advanced nations, such shootings are an almost uniquely U.S. phenomenon. And while there may be multiple reasons America leads the world in massacres of schoolkids, we could surely mitigate the horror with commonsense

measures like restrictions on gun sales, required background checks and a ban on privately owned assault weapons.

But no. Republicans want to expand access to guns and, in many states, protect students by arming schoolteachers.

What do these examples have in common? As Thomas Hobbes could have told you, human beings can only flourish, can only avoid a state of nature in which lives are "hasty, brutish and short," if they participate in a "commonwealth" — a society in which government takes on much of the responsibility for making life secure. Thus, we have law enforcement precisely so individuals don't have to go around armed to protect themselves against other people's violence.

Public health policy reflects the same principle. Individuals can and should take responsibility for their own health, when they can; but the nature of infectious disease means that there is an essential role for collective action, whether it is public investment in clean water supplies or, yes, mask and vaccine mandates during a pandemic.

And you don't have to be a socialist to recognize the need for regulation to maintain the reliability of essential aspects of the economy like electricity supply and the monetary system.

Which is why I'm calling the modern American right anti-social. Its members reject any policy that relies on social cooperation, and they want us to return instead to Hobbes' dystopian state of nature.

What about Bitcoin? I don't think it's worth trying to make sense of Abbott's logic, why he imagines that promoting an environmentally destructive, energy-hogging industry will somehow make his state's electricity supply more reliable.

A better question is why Republicans have become fanatics about cryptocurrency, to the extent that one Senate candidate has defined his position as "pro-God, pro-family, pro-Bitcoin." The answer, I'd argue, is that Bitcoin plays into a fantasy of self-sufficient individualism, of protecting your family with your personal AR-15, treating your COVID-19 with an anti-parasite drug or urine and managing your financial affairs with privately created money, untainted by institutions like governments or banks.

In the end, none of this will work. The right's constant attacks on essential government functions will take a toll, making all of our lives nastier, more brutish and shorter.

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Will a mask debate split blue states?



Ross Douthat

The line between zealous COVID-19 precautions and a mask-optional existence does not run simply between red and blue America, between areas that voted for Joe Biden and those that voted for Donald Trump. As Park MacDougald pointed out in a recent essay for the online magazine *UnHerd*, if you're a New York City resident, you can experience two completely different realities just by traveling the short distance from the posher parts of Brooklyn to where he lives in Queens — passing from a world of ubiquitous N95s and careful checking of vaccine cards to a world where masking is maybe a 50% proposition and, outside of hipster establishments, the vaccine-pass rules are "almost totally unenforced."

This is also my experience living in Connecticut. In the Yale University-adjacent neighborhoods of New Haven, people seem more careful about masking at the moment than at any other point in the pandemic, more likely to have traded in cloth for the surgical fit. But if you drive just a little ways inland or go out to dinner at a shoreline restaurant or stroll over to one of New Haven's poorer neighborhoods, masks diminish and sometimes vanish and the world often looks almost as it did in January 2020.

Throughout the pandemic, there has been a fear among conservatives and libertarians — as well as the ragged remains of the civil-libertarian left — that the measures adopted to fight COVID-19 would become the basis for a creeping biomedical surveillance regime, a system of public health restrictions aimed at first at those against vaccinations but then easily generalized to other forms of behavior deemed unhealthy or antisocial, with something like China's social credit system the ultimate destination.

In parts of Europe and Australia, the rigor of COVID-19 restrictions and their digitized enforcement has given these fears a certain potency. In the United States, though, since the initial lockdowns faded in the summer of 2020, what we've witnessed is something a bit stranger.

We have a regime of COVID-19 surveillance, but it's not a general one imposed by a narrow group of technocrats on the great mass of Americans. Rather it's a regime imposed by the elites upon themselves (and, of course, their service workers), in which the highly educated and



In New York City, mask enforcement is spotty at best. Above, a person looks at a billboard in Times Square. **TIMOTHY A. CLARK/GETTY-AFP**

highly vaccinated are more likely to carry identity papers and rigorously self-police while less-vaccinated populations in the outer reaches of New York City or the New England suburbs (let alone in Arkansas or Alabama) are often left to their own more casual devices. And to pass back and forth between these two worlds, just a subway ride or short highway drive away from each other, is to appreciate not the ever-expanding influence of Fauci's technocracy but, for now at least, the palpable limits of its power.

With one crucial exception, of course: public school systems, where statewide school-mask mandates in states like New York and Connecticut have kept kids masked in communities where otherwise the public health regime has little purchase. Yet because kids are one of the lowest-risk populations, this extension of power only heightens the peculiarity of the entire dynamic: The one place where the professional class can impose its public health preferences is also the place where

it likely makes the least difference.

All this weirdness isn't just interesting to observe; it's essential for understanding the landscape of pandemic policy debate as omicron recedes. In the next few months, one of the crucial divides over COVID-19 policy is likely to be within the Democratic coalition and not just between right and left. And the question of whether and when to relax school masking is likely to be a major flashpoint, with certain voices (in *The New York Times*, at *The Atlantic*, at NPR) already arguing for a relatively rapid exit from the policy while other forces (public health caution, bureaucratic inertia) work to sustain its extension to at least the summer. (And then if another concerning variant crops up, perhaps, to the fall and beyond...)

These conflicts have two important implications. First, they threaten an extension of the dynamics that have already

created political problems for Democrats in states like Virginia and New Jersey: the alienation of inner-circle liberalism, with

its advanced degrees and N95s, from swing constituencies whose attitude toward the pandemic may be more like "vaccinated and done."

Second, they threaten an inversion of the scenario feared by conservatives: not the extension of liberalism's power under the guise of public health but a turning inward of elite institutions and communities, their retreat into a safety-obsessed culture that's more insular, virtually mediated and unhappier than the society that they aspire to lead.

A cynical Republican politician should probably be rooting for this scenario — a climate of abnormality in the citadels of liberalism that endures even after COVID-19 goes endemic, encouraging normal people to seek their leaders somewhere else. But as a conservative citizen of liberal America, I devoutly hope my community makes a different choice.

Douthat is a columnist for The New York Times.

There are no heroes in the Neil Young-Spotify saga

By Tyler Cowen
Bloomberg Opinion

The debates over cancel culture are reaching new heights of absurdity. Consider the decisions of musical icons Neil Young and Joni Mitchell to remove their songs from Spotify. Critics have contended that Joe Rogan's podcast, hosted by Spotify, promotes vaccine-skeptical guests and boosts the spread of misinformation about COVID-19.

Neil Young let it be known that Spotify had to choose between him and Rogan. Not surprisingly, Spotify, which invested \$100 million in a relationship with Rogan in 2020, was willing to let Young go. Rogan's podcast, after all, is the most popular of all time.

Some see the musician as an intellectual hero for taking a stand. Yet Young's own record in this area is far from pristine. For years, he has spread scientific misinformation about genetically modified organisms. While experts have consistently judged

GMO foods to be safe and useful, Young in one song referred to them as poison. As a guest on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" in 2016, Young suggested that GMO foods caused "terrible diseases."

It is hard not to wonder to what degree anti-biotech sentiments like these, ironically, might have fed the current skepticism of COVID-19 vaccines.

I also question whether Young's motives in the Spotify fracas were purely ideological. Recently, he participated in the launch of a (temporary) satellite radio Neil Young channel. I don't begrudge him that business decision, and I will listen myself. Yet I also recognize that demand for his satellite radio channel could grow now that he is off Spotify. All the publicity stirred up by Young's departure from Spotify probably won't hurt, either.

Some people believe that Spotify is the real hero of this episode for standing up to cancel culture and defending the free-speech rights of Rogan and his guests. That is an understandable impulse, but keep in

mind Spotify has been boasting that it has removed 20,000 other podcast episodes for spreading COVID-19 misinformation. It has taken down more than 40 back episodes of Rogan's podcast for similar reasons.

It is impossible for an outsider to judge the content of those 20,000 episodes.

But whatever free-speech principles the company may adhere to, it is enforcing them very selectively. That is their privilege, but they are hardly telling cancel culture to get lost.

And what if Spotify did heed calls to drop Rogan's podcast? Rogan might end up on another gated service. But if he returned to fully open-access podcasting, guests making scientifically dubious claims may have access to an even larger audience. So what's the point of attempting this kind of cancellation? To make us feel better?

As for the Rogan podcast, it has been willing to accept a business deal with Spotify where those 40 back episodes are now gone. I find that, too, to be a perfectly

acceptable business decision, but Rogan can't claim to be defending absolute free speech. (Late Sunday, Rogan promised to conduct better research into topics and to bring more balance into his podcast.)

I, for one, plan to continue all my preexisting relationships with the output of Rogan, Young, Mitchell and Spotify, where I am a paid premium subscriber. For one thing, I don't like the prospect of a world where we segregate our artistic and commercial alliances based on political disagreements.

But I will take away a broader lesson, namely that no one really has much of a coherent position in this fight.

The more you understand that nobody's position really makes any sense, the more quickly you can embrace your inner "Heart of Gold," a song that is still on YouTube, right along with these speeches by Adolf Hitler.

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to sell personal property described below
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LEGAL NOTICE

**GLASTONBURY BOARD OF FINANCE
PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the
Glastonbury Board of Finance will hold a
Public Hearing on Monday, February 7, 2022
at 6:00 pm, via Zoom Video Conferencing
(Link to View Meeting: <https://us0109896292.pwdv.vijsfn3b3djmh6RWhd0MS5zdgd209> Passcode: 188866), to hear comments on the proposed
Town Operating and Debt & Transfer,
Education and Capital Budgets for the Fiscal
Year 2022-2023.

Dated at Glastonbury, CT this 1st day of
February, 2022.

GLASTONBURY BOARD OF FINANCE
By: Gus Constantine, Chairman
2/2, 7141005

NOTICE OF Permit Application

Town: Hartford, CT

Notice is hereby given that the Metropolitan
District - Hartford Water Pollution Control
Facility ("the applicant") of 240 Brainard
Road, Hartford, Connecticut will submit to
the Department of Energy and Environmental
Protection an application under Connecticut
General Statutes Section 22a-174 for a
permit to construct, install, enlarge, or
establish an air contaminant source
and to operate such air contaminant source
regulated under the federal Clean Air Act.

Specifically, the applicant proposes to modify
the HWPFC's existing Title V Operating Permit
(No. 075-0246-TV) to incorporate recent
modifications to the facility's New Source
Review Permit (Nos. 075-000-074-0007
and 075-0008) into the Title V permit. The
proposed activity will take place at 240
Brainard Road, Hartford, Connecticut. The
proposed activity will potentially affect air
resources.

Interested persons may obtain copies of
the applications from the applicant's
representative, Craig Scott, PE, The Metropolitan
District, 231 Brainard Road, Hartford,
Connecticut 06114, phone number 860-
278-7850 ext. 3451.

The application will be available for
inspection at the Department of Energy and
Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air
Management, Engineering & Enforcement
Division, 200 Main Street, 5th floor, Hartford,
CT 06106-5127, 860-424-4152, from 8:30
to 4:30 Monday through Friday. Please
call in advance to schedule review of the
applications.

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Connecticut

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#02-2201**

The State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, is
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Management companies to provide twenty-four
(24) hour facility management, operation
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(Middlesex and New Haven Judicial Districts).

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on Friday, March 11, 2022. Late proposals
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ROOF REPLACEMENT

NORTH THOMPSONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

439 Enfield Street
Enfield CT 06082-2453

Project No. 063913

The NORTH THOMPSONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT (the Owner and Awarding Authority) will receive
bids from ROOFING CONTRACTORS for construction of ROOF REPLACEMENT at its North
Thompsonville Fire Department building located at 439 Enfield Street in Enfield Connecticut; in
accordance with the documents prepared by Leon Pernice and Associates Inc., AIA, Architects-
Planners-Interior Designers, 34 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, West Springfield, Massachusetts.

The Project consists of replacement of the existing, 3-levels, membrane type flat roofing
systems with new membrane systems and items.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Notice to Proceed for this Project may be issued as much as
90 days from the date the Owner approves the construction contract.

The work is estimated to cost \$94,764.00.

Bid Documents will be available online at www.Projectdog.com beginning on February 2, 2022.

Log in and enter the Project Code 847376 in the search box and select "Acquire Documents".

For a free, downloadable bid set. A free CD-ROM may be requested by contacting Projectdog
- shipping & handling charges apply. Hard copies of the documents may be purchased online.

Addenda, if issued, will be posted to the Projectdog website and shall be accompanied by
an e-mail notification to every individual or firm on record as having received the Bid Documents.

It shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor to ascertain the existence of any and all
addenda. Hard copies of addenda will not be mailed or faxed.

Neither Owner nor Architect/Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding
Documents, including Addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than Projectdog, Inc.

Bids will be received until 2:00PM on 23 February, 2022. Deliver bids to Fire Chief Earl F.
Provencier at 439 Enfield St, Enfield, CT. Bids must be received no later than the time and date
specified; no late bids will be accepted or considered. Telephone or telefax bids will not be
accepted or considered. Immediately upon the hour specified for receipt of bids such bids will
be publicly opened and read aloud.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest
possible bid amount and made payable to the North Thompsonville Fire Department.

Performance Bond, also Labor and Materials Payment Bond are required.

A pre-bid conference will be conducted on 9 February 2022 beginning 1:00PM. Convene in the
rear parking lot of the Fire Department building, 439 Enfield Street, Enfield CT.

Minority and Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply.

Hard Copy Contract Documents may be seen (call beforehand) but not removed at:

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Catherine A. Thomas	
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* Denotes name listing only.

Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES**Boulay, Christopher W.**

Christopher William Boulay, 55, of Farmington, heard Jesus say, "Well done, good and faithful servant...enter into the joy of your Lord" on January 28th, 2022. Chris' family will receive friends on Monday February 7, 2022, from 10-11AM at the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road, Avon, CT 06001. A funeral service will follow beginning at 11AM at the Carmon Funeral Home. For condolences or directions and the full obituary please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries**Backhaus, Kristina Anne (Backhaus)**

Kristina Anne Backhaus, 75, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at the Georgeson Hospice House in Naples, Florida. Born on October 10, 1946, in Springfield, MA to the late Robert C. Backhaus and Frances (Kelle) Backhaus.

Kris was a 1965 graduate of Enfield High School and received her undergraduate degree from Central Connecticut State University in 1969 and Master's (MSW) degree from Smith College in 1973.

Kris achieved a career as a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) specializing in child adoptions.

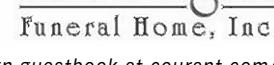
Upon her retirement in 2002, she established her home in Estero, Florida.

Kris is survived by her brother, William Backhaus and his wife Cynthia of Windsor, her niece, Lauren Backhaus of Boston, and nephew, David Backhaus of Redmond, OR. She also leaves behind many beloved cousins, aunts, and uncles from the Kelley family branch, also, her endeared "little sister" Rachel, and her friend Rose in Florida.

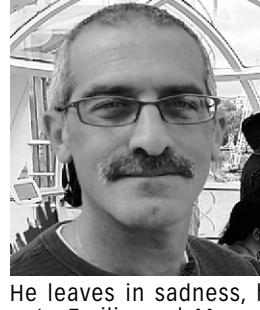
Kris's final wishes are not to have a funeral. Interment will be beside her mother in the Hazardville Cemetery, Enfield. Browne Memorial Chapels, Enfield is assisting with local arrangements. To leave an online condolence message, please visit www.brownmemorialchapels.com.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries**Cote, Doris P.**

Doris P. Cote, 89, of Stafford Springs, CT and Wildwood, FL, wife of 58 years to the late John W. Cote, passed away peacefully on January 26, 2022. She was born in Caribou, Maine on April 23, 1932, daughter of the late Antoine and Kathleen (Dyer) Castonguay. Doris was a private home health aide for many years before retiring in 1995. She enjoyed wintering in Florida and spending her summers in Caribou, Maine, reading, tending to her flowers, and Friday night pizza. Doris is survived by her son, Brian Cote of Littleton, Maine; daughters, Donna Brothers and her partner Tim Phillips, Nancy Flannery and her husband Don, and Michelle Petty and her husband Dale, all of Stafford Springs, CT; 13 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; one great-great grandson; sisters, Betty Johnson and JoAnn Thompson of Maine; brother-in-law, Freeman Cote; sister-in-law, Betty Robertson; and many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her daughter, Kathy Rose; grandson, Chad Brothers; and brother, Rick Castonguay. Her funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 11 A.M. at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, CT. Burial will follow in Stafford Springs Cemetery, Stafford Springs, CT. Calling hours are on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 from 6-8 P.M. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com

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OBITUARIES**DelMastro, Anthony**

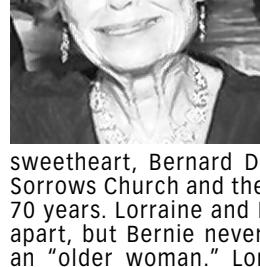
Anthony DelMastro, 58, was suddenly taken from his devoted husband and family without the time to say goodbye. Our love for him will live on forever. No words can express the shock and pain that we are all feeling with his passing. We will forever remember his strong laugh, sense of humor, and caring of others.

He leaves in sadness, his husband Kirk Donegan, parents Emilio and Mary Rose DelMastro, sister Deneen DelMastro, brother Joseph DelMastro and his companion Laura Ambrosi-Ferguson, and sister Annmarie and her husband Frank Catania. He also leaves behind his mother and father-in-law Carol and Thomas Donegan, grandmother

Florence Natale, sisters and brothers-in-law Dawn and Ted Gresik and Jeffrey and Eleana Donegan. He loved his nieces Tyasha Bell and Caitlyn Donegan and his nephews Frank Catania Jr, Vincent Catania, Joseph Catania, Dominic Catania, Timothy Bell, Joshua Gresik, Matthew Gresik, Nicholas Donegan and Aidan Donegan, he spent countless hours with them over the years. He also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, and cousins who meant the world to him.

Anthony was born in Hartford and was raised in Rocky Hill where he attended elementary and middle school. He spent his high school years at South Catholic High School graduating in 1983. Anthony went on to CCSU and graduated in 1987 with his Bachelor's degree in Finance. He began his working career at the Travelers Insurance Company upon graduating and remained there into his early 30's. Anthony later worked for multiple financial consulting companies including CSC, DST, Vertex and most recently at Spark IPS. His strong work ethic combined with his attention to detail, caring nature and loving personality allowed him to excel in the workplace. Anthony was loved and cherished by countless lifelong friends and was respected and admired by his coworkers. Nearly everyone he met became a friend with whom he cared for. Anthony would do anything for his parents and his love for them was endless but his life was not complete until he met his beloved husband, Kirk. Anthony became an even better man with Kirk by his side. They married in September, 2016 and finally were living the life they deserved and longed for. Anthony and Kirk settled in Cheshire with their cherished canine sons, Jed and Oliver that he loved and spoiled. They enjoyed spending the summers at their cottage in Old Colony Beach in Old Lyme and spending time with family and friends. Anthony, we are at a loss. You will NEVER be forgotten.

The family will receive relatives and friends Friday, February 4th from 4-7 p.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield. A funeral mass celebrating Anthony's life, will be held Saturday, February 5th at 10 a.m. in St. Josephine Bakhita Parish/St. James Church, 767 Elm Street, Rocky Hill. Attendees are asked to meet directly at church. In lieu of flowers Kirk and family would like to ask that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or the Alzheimer's Association, 200 Executive Blvd S #4b, Southington, CT 06489. For online expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

Please sign guestbook at courant.com/obituaries**Driscoll, Lorraine H.(Stevens)**

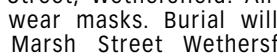
Lorraine Hazel Driscoll, 93, of Rocky Hill, passed away peacefully at home on January 25, 2022. Lorraine was born in Hartford, Connecticut on September 14, 1928. She graduated from Hartford Public High School, a first-generation high school graduate, and later the Morse School of Business. She married the love of her life and high school sweetheart, Bernard Driscoll, in 1950 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church and they were happily married for over 70 years. Lorraine and Bernie were born just 6 months apart, but Bernie never let her forget that he married an "older woman." Lorraine and Bernie grew up together in Parkville but eventually settled in Wethersfield, CT where they raised their three children. Prior to her retirement, Lorraine worked for the Wethersfield Board of Education, her last position being Secretary for the Superintendent of Schools. She was a communicant of the Church of the Incarnation and was a member of the Women's Club. Lorraine also belonged to the Stitch and Chatter Group and several Book Clubs.

Lorraine's greatest joys in life were her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She never missed any of their plays, concerts, or sporting events. When her children were young, they enjoyed going ice skating Sundays after church. Lorraine was always the best skater. She was an avid reader and loved to share books and recommendations with her daughters and granddaughters. She loved to cook, read, play cards, and laugh. She was always up for a good time, and never wanted to miss out on the fun. She was known to hum throughout the day, a sweet sound her family will always remember. She was a loving mother, daughter, nana, cousin and friend. Lorraine will be remembered as a beautiful lady with a hearty laugh, loved by all who knew her.

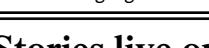
Lorraine was preceded in death by her parents William F. and Ruth M. (Dennis) Stevens; daughter, Kathleen Sidabras; and granddaughter, Christine Driscoll. She is survived by her husband, Bernie; daughter, Nancy Driscoll (Tom Hudson); son, William "Bill" (Jean) Driscoll; and grandchildren Sarah (Dustyn) Holt, Eileen (Erik) Smith, Tim (Katie) Driscoll, Sean (Janice) Adamowicz, Laura (Laki) Triantafylidis, Molly Adamowicz (Piotr Melon); and great-grandchildren Charlotte, Michael, Luke, Annie, Bailey, Leo, Brady, Max, and one "bun in the oven."

Friends may call on February 4, 2022 from 9:00 to 10:00 am at the Farley-Sullivan Funeral home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial, celebrating Bernie and Lorraine at 10:30 am in the Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect Street, Wethersfield. All attendees are requested to wear masks. Burial will be in Village Cemetery, 1 Marsh Street Wethersfield. To view the webcast or to extend condolences, please visit www.farleysullivan.com.

The Driscoll Family would like to extend their gratitude to Atria Greenridge and Constellation Hospice for their exceptional care during Lorraine's final days. Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

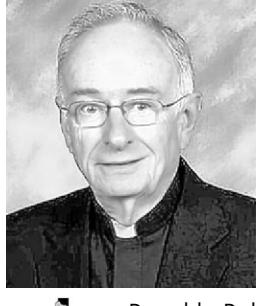
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**OBITUARIES****DuPont, Rev. Arthur J.**

The Reverend Arthur J. DuPont, 92, Pastor Emeritus of Mary Our Queen in Plantsville, entered eternal rest on Sunday, January 30, 2022. Father DuPont was the son of the late Arthur Emile and Mary Ann (Stapleton) DuPont and was born in Meriden, CT, on April 6, 1929.

He was predeceased by his

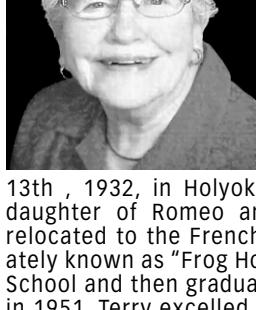
sister, Bernadette (DuPont) Dybiec and brother-in-law

Donald Dybiec. He is survived by his nephew, Greg Dybiec, nieces, Elizabeth Blankenship and Bernadette Hance, and great nephew and grand nieces, Alec and Michael Hance. Fr. DuPont graduated from Meriden High School and St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. He completed his theological studies at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, NY. Father DuPont was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Reverend John F. Hackett, Auxiliary Bishop of Hartford, on May 27, 1954, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, CT. Among Father DuPont's assignments were St. Thomas in Southington, St. Lawrence O'Toole in Hartford, St. Aedan in New Haven, Resurrection in Wallingford, and Mary Our Queen where he served as Pastor. He also served as the longtime head of the Catholic Cemetery Association.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022 at 11 am at St. Thomas Seminary Chapel at the Pastoral Center, 467 Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, with the Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford as the principal celebrant. Burial will be following at St. Thomas Cemetery, Southington. Visiting hours will take place at the St. Thomas Seminary Chapel on Feb. 3, 2022 from 9:30 am to 10:45 am preceding the Mass. Masks will be required. The John J. Ferry & Sons Funeral Home, 88 E. Main St., Meriden is entrusted with the arrangements. Memorial donations for the support of senior priests may be made to the Benevolent Association for Priests of the Archdiocese of Hartford, 134 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT 06105. For online condolences, please visit jferryfh.com



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Theresa Jeanne (Veroneau) Gadegard died peacefully surrounded by her family on January 28th, 2022. Theresa (Terry) fought a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's. Terry was the beloved wife of Holger (Holly) Gadegard for 64 years. She was a loving mother to Sharon and Laurie Ann.

Terry was born on October 13th, 1932, in Holyoke, Massachusetts and was the daughter of Romeo and Rose Veroneau. Her family relocated to the French section of Hartford, affectionately known as "Frog Hollow." Terry attended St. Anne's School and then graduated Hartford Public High School in 1951. Terry excelled in her studies and graduated at the top of her class. Although she was offered numerous college scholarships, she ultimately decided to join the workforce to support herself and her family. She worked for many years in the piano and organ retail industry. For the larger part of her career, she worked as an office manager for Richard Harris Inc., an office supply company. Terry excelled at being a typist; first learning on a manual typewriter to honing her skills to the digital age to a P.C. Her business skills also included stenography and bookkeeping.

The accomplishments she was most proud of though was being a wife, mother, and grandmother. She was devoted to her family. Her four grandchildren were the biggest joys of her life. She met the love of her life Holly at a picnic in Suffield and the rest was history. They married on May 11th, 1957. They never spent a birthday or anniversary apart from one another.

Theresa should also be remembered as a woman of faith. Every Sunday she attended church at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with her husband and family by her side. She spent many years volunteering as a Sunday school teacher and assistant minister. She also enjoyed volunteering at Anna Reynolds Elementary school where her daughter is a teacher. She was an avid reader and would often be found with a book in her hand and two more nearby. She had always dreamed of being a published writer one day. Terry's culinary skills were exceptional, and she was an excellent hostess from dinner parties, to holidays, to card parties, and family picnics in her backyard. She made many delicious dishes for church potlucks. Her Boston baked beans, blueberry pie, and meatballs were famous to all her family and friends.

Theresa's family would especially like to thank her many caregivers over the last four years, especially Nancy, Rachel, Marta, and Mirka. We owe so much to you and the kindness you showed our mom during your time with her.

In addition to her husband Holly Gadegard, Theresa is survived by her daughter Sharon Yvonne Gantenbein and husband Roger; daughter Laurie Ann Bruno and husband Giuseppe; granddaughter Brittany McConnell and husband Casey; grandsons Joseph Bruno, Wyatt Gantenbein, and Anthony Bruno. She was predeceased by her parents, Romeo and Rose Veroneau and brother Leo Veroneau.

Please join us in celebrating her life and legacy on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. Her funeral service will be held on Friday, Feb. 4 at 11 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1655 Main St., Newington. She will be laid to rest in West Meadow Cemetery, Newington. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the memorial fund at Our Saviors Lutheran Church or the National Alzheimer's Association in memory of Theresa. To share a condolence with her family, please visit www.duksa.net.

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OBITUARIES

Fortier, Raymond F.

Raymond F. Fortier, 85, loving and generous husband and father died peacefully on January 24th in Naples, Florida. In his final months, Ray confidently told family members that he lived a great life, accomplished all that he had hoped for and was particularly proud of the family he now leaves behind. The second of five orphaned children born during the Great Depression, he was raised on a chicken farm in Chester, CT. Despite humble roots the life that he built can be attributed to a wonderful combination of a loving wife, an impressive work ethic, and God's grace.

Wed to Joan (Murphy) Fortier in April 1960, they were married for 61 years until her death in August 2021. Though their parting saddened him greatly, he was surrounded by family (young and old) in his final months, enjoying a steady stream of out-of-town family guests, attending little league baseball games, perusing the daily NY Post newspaper, and prognosticating on sports and politics.

Ray was a supportive and loving Dad to his four children. As a father he was a great listener and slow to criticize. More importantly, he set a great example of devotion to family, putting pride in one's work, and looking within for your success. His example and a lifetime of memories will bless his family forever. Ray leaves behind a proud legacy through his children and grandchildren: Raymond & Suzanne Fortier (Moodus, CT), Michael & Jeri Fortier (Old Lyme, CT), Kimberley & Allen Alonzo (Haddam, CT) and Jeffrey & Caitlin Fortier (Naples, FL) along with 13 grandchildren.

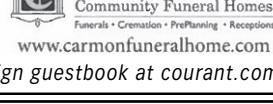
A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00AM on Saturday, February 5th at Ray's childhood parish, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 48 Middlesex Avenue in Chester, CT. Burial will follow in Fountain Hill Cemetery, 57 High Street in Deep River. A luncheon reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to benefit fatherless children www.psalm68five.org

To share a memory of Ray or send a condolence to his family please visit www.rwwfh.com Arrangements are in the care of the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral home in Centerbrook.

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Gwozdz, Weronika

Weronika Gwozdz, 99, of Wethersfield, beloved wife, mother and grandmother died January 31, 2022. Born in Bialystok, Poland, she was the daughter of the late John and Anna Malinowski. She emigrated to the United States in 1960 with her husband and two children and lived in Hartford most of her adult life. She worked in housekeeping at The Phoenix, and later at Atlantic Tool Co. as a machinist. After retirement she spent most of her time with family and gardening. She was a communicant of SS Cyril and Methodius Church in Hartford. She is survived by her daughter, Theresa Gwozdz and daughter-in-law, Julie Gwozdz and two grandchildren Matthew and Daniel, all of Wethersfield. As well as many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins. Weronika was predeceased by her husband John Gwozdz and her son John Gwozdz Jr. A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 10AM at SS Cyril and Methodius Church, 63 Popieluszko Court in Hartford. Burial will follow at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to SS Cyril and Methodius Church Renovation Fund. To share a memory or words of comfort with Weronika's family please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.



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PETTIROSSI, RONALD P.

Ronald P. Pettirossi passed peacefully from this life into the loving arms of our Lord on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at Promenade Senior Living in Sebastian. He was 78 and his spiritual strength and fierce determination helped him through the death of his beloved wife of 56 years, Carol, who God chose to bring back to Him

September 8, 2020. Ron was born in Springfield, Massachusetts to the late Mauro and Angelina Mazzei Pettirossi, who predeceased him. He leaves behind daughter Joy Ann Poland (Tim) of Foster, RI, son Damon Pettirossi of Vero Beach, FL and his loving grandchildren, Ashley Hendrickson, Angelina Pettirossi and Ariana Pettirossi all of Sugar Hill and Joyce Poland of Foster. He also leaves a brother Robert Pettirossi (Nancy) of Dover, NH, brothers-in-law, Jon Begin (Joan) of North Palm Beach, FL and Edward Begin (Patty) of Lakeville, MA, and sister-in-law Roslyn (Bob) of Lakeville, MA. He also leaves numerous nieces and nephews.

Ron was a graduate of the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and had been a CPA with Ernst and Young prior to his retirement. It was in 2003 that Ron and Carol moved to the Treasure Coast from Vernon, CT. Together they joined St. Sebastian Catholic Church. He was an avid sports fan, but what he enjoyed most in his later years were the many trips he and Carol experienced with their traveling companions of more than 30 years, Carol, and Gerry O'Connell. Vacations trips to Europe, the Caribbean and various parts of the US.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donation to be made to either St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607.

A Funeral Mass celebrating his life will begin at 11 AM, Thursday, February 3, 2022, at St. Sebastian Catholic Church in Sebastian, FL.

Arrangements are entrusted to Strunk Funeral Homes & Crematory, Sebastian, FL. A guest book is available at www.strunkfuneralhome.com.

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**Kabachnick, Doris L (Clark)**

Doris Lucille Balestro Kabachnick (nee Clark), of Middletown, Connecticut, died peacefully at the Middlesex Health Care Center on January 27, 2021 at the age of 92 after a long illness. Born in Bridgeport on November 14, 1929, she was predeceased by her brothers Al and David, mother Helen and father Alfred Clark.

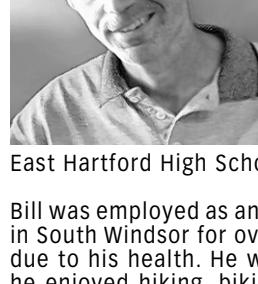
Survivors are her brother Richard Clark of Coventry, sisters June and Janice of Southbury, children, Daniel Balestro (Bernadette) of Portland, Susan Trakas (John) of Groton, their children Kerry and Jarod, Sandra Peito (John) of Middletown, their children Ryan and Lydia, Marsha Griffin (Jeffrey) of Lake Mary Florida and her children Sarah, Christopher and Shaun, and Tracy Ramsay of West Palm Beach, Florida with children Phillip and Samantha. She leaves nine great grandchildren. Doris was one of Jehovah's Witnesses sharing her faith in a better life with all. Preparing and sharing a meal with her family was a special delight. Travel to Colorado, to visit her brother Dick was a special highlight in her life. Working as a secretary, office manager, security guard and caregiver all her life, she cared for her family thru the many misfortunes and successes of life. Time spent with dear friends Lilly, Alberta, Frieda and many others was treasured. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends and all who knew her. A video funeral service will be scheduled at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Torrington Ct.

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Schneider, Frank O.

Frank O. Schneider, 74, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, January 30, 2022, at home. Frank was born on July 31, 1947, in Stafford Springs, CT, to loving parents, Otto and Florence (Cummings) Schneider of Somers. Frank leaves behind a loving and beautiful wife of 56 years, Marie Schneider of Ellington; loving daughters, Tracey Bloxam and her husband, John, of Merritt, NC, Janine Martin and her husband, Wayne, of Ellington, Kimberly Silverman of South Windsor, and Lynne Schneider along with her partner, Rowan, of Hartford; brothers, Ken Schneider and his wife, Linda, of Palm Coast, FL, and Tim Schneider and his partner, Michelle Marie, of Fort Meyers, FL; nine grandchildren, Ashley, Meghan, Delano, Diamond, Madison, Peyton, Dalton, Ava, and Rowana; four beautiful great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Aubree, Isaac and Alinah; a step brother, Jim Engelman and his wife, Theresa, of Somers; a brother-in-law, George Mudgett of Somers; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sisters, Linda (Schneider) Worthington of Enfield, and Norma (Schneider) Mudgett of Somers; and a step brother, Mark Engelman and his wife, Kim, of FL. Frank loved the outdoors, he had many hobbies including riding snow mobiles, doodle bug pulls, and he was an avid Harley Davidson rider with his close and longtime friend, Mikey. Anyone and everyone that knew him, knew he had a green thumb and could and would make anything grow. Frank worked side by side with his father for many years as a landscaper and snow removal in the winter months. He was proud of his landscaping work and acquired a skill beyond perfection. After that he began his career as a truck driver working at Kement Construction, Henry's Concrete, All Phase Enterprise and retiring from Skyline Quarry. He enjoyed showing his family any building that he may have delivered stone to or poured cement at. A celebration of life will be held from 1:00 - 4:00 pm on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at the Knights of Columbus, 236 Main St., Somers, CT 06071. Please, feel free to stop by in your favorite jeans and Harley Davidson t-shirt to help us celebrate the wonderful man he was. In lieu of flowers donations in Frank's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231. To leave online condolences please visit www.leetestevens.com

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Smaglis, William

William Smaglis, 61, of South Windsor, formerly East Hartford, loving father, brother and uncle passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 26, 2022. Bill was born on July 18, 1960, in Hartford, one of three children of the late George and Shirley (Fields) Smaglis. He was raised in East Hartford, attended local schools and was a graduate of East Hartford High School.

Bill was employed as an Inspector for Aerospace Testing in South Windsor for over 20 years until leaving in 2014 due to his health. He was an avid outdoorsman where he enjoyed hiking, biking, skiing, hunting, and fishing. He was a kind, hardworking man who dedicated his life to his family and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Bill is survived by his three cherished children, Lauren Smaglis and her fiancé Ben Lorenzetti of Vernon, Kevin Smaglis of Vernon and Hannah Smaglis of South Windsor, his sister Janet Bissonnette and her husband Fred of East Hampton, his brother-in-law Charlie Ornek of South Carolina, several nieces, nephews and their families and the mother of his children Rolann Henry of Hartford. In addition to his parents Bill was predeceased by his sister Carol (Smaglis) Ornek.

A time of visitation for family and friends will be at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Road in South Windsor on Monday, February 7, 2022, from 5-7 pm. Burial in St. Mary Cemetery, East Hartford will be private. To leave an online condolence please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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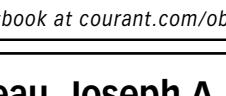
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Kokiel, Michal

Michal Kokiel, 87, of Bristol, widower of Judith A. (Beaupre) Kokiel, passed away peacefully on Friday (January 28, 2022) at home. Michal was born in Poland on June 14, 1934 and was a son of the late Rafael and Stefania (Kosciukiewicz) Kokiel. He came to the United States in 1949 and would eventually go to work at Hildreth Press where he would

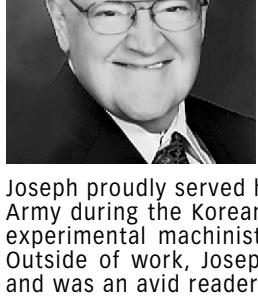
meet his future wife. He then went to work at Data Mail in Newington, once located in West Hartford, where he was hired as one of the company's first full-time employees and served for over 35 years before retiring. A parishioner of St. Joseph Church, Bristol, one of his favorite pastimes was fishing with his beloved wife of 59 years, others include watching the Red Sox, UConn women's basketball, and the New England Patriots. Michal is survived by six children: Chester Kokiel and wife, Martha of West Hartford, Jeffrey Kokiel and wife, Wendy of Bradenton, FL, Michael Kokiel and wife, Kimberly of Sabattus, ME, James Kokiel and wife, Tamara of Bristol, Dawn Kokiel of Unity, NH, and Tamsyn Kokiel of Bristol; two sisters: Frania Kokiel and Marisha Jozwik, both of Farmington; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends may call at Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, on Friday (February 4, 2022) between 10 and 11 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial celebration at St. Joseph Church, 33 Queen St., Bristol, at 11:30 AM. A private burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, Bristol. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local animal rescue. Please visit Michal's memorial website at www.FunkFuneralHome.com



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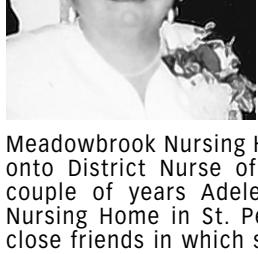
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Nadeau, Joseph A

Joseph A. Nadeau, 90, of Suffield, beloved husband of Joan (Deschaine) Nadeau, peacefully passed away on Friday, January 28, 2022 at Suffield House. He was born in Van Buren, ME on January 4, 1932, the son of the late Louis J. and Anna (Thibodeau) Nadeau. He was a resident of Hartford for many years until moving to Suffield in 1986.

Joseph proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was employed as an experimental machinist at KAMAN for over 36 years. Outside of work, Joseph enjoyed fishing and bowling and was an avid reader. He was also a member of the VFW Post 9836 in Newington. In addition to his wife Joan, Joseph is survived by his daughter, Nancy Beauroleil and her husband Henry of AZ; his grandchildren, Kara, Kevin, and Megan; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Ferdinand, Roger, Leo and Joseph Nadeau, and his sisters, Priscilla Wolk and Lilly Perrone. Joseph's family will receive relatives and friends from 8:30 - 9:30 am on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd, Enfield. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 am at Sacred Heart Church, 446 Mountain Rd, Suffield. Burial with military honors will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Donations in Joseph's memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516. For online condolences, please visit www.leetestevens.com.

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Zimmer, Adele (Chaisson)

Adele (Chaisson) Zimmer, 87, of Brooksville FL, formerly of Middlefield, CT, wife of John Zimmer, passed away January 27, 2022 at Bravera Health Brooksville, FL. She was born in Norwich, CT daughter of the late Wilfred and Ethel (Bulger) Chaisson. Adele went to St. Mary's School of Nursing. She worked at Waterbury Hospital, Meadowbrook Nursing Home in Middletown, CT, moved onto District Nurse of Middletown, CT. For a brief couple of years Adele worked as RN at The Abby Nursing Home in St. Petersburg, FL. Adele had many close friends in which she enjoyed a full life with love and laughter. Adele is survived by her husband John; daughter, Marjorie Morton of Murray, Utah, daughter Mary (Zimmer) Carlson and her husband Scott, formerly of Middlefield, CT, now New Port Richey, FL; son, Michael Zimmer and wife Lynn of East Hampton, CT, son, Mark Zimmer and wife Ilona of Redding, CT and many, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews. Family and friends may gather on Friday, February 4th prior to the service from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at Biega Funeral Home, 3 Silver St. Middletown. The Funeral Liturgy will be held at 11:00 a.m. St. Francis of Assisi Church, 10 Elm St., Middletown. Burial will be at the State Veterans' Cemetery, Middletown. Masks are required for the services. Those who wish may send memorial contributions to https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Events/Tributes-AlzheimersChampions?pg=fund&fr_id=1060&pxid=726810. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneral-home.com.

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O'Leary, Marian V.



Marian V. O'Leary of East Windsor, passed peacefully on January 29, 2022. Marian was born on June 17, 1932 to Stanley and Anna Sabonis and grew up on her family farm along the Scantic River in East Windsor, CT. Marian became a Registered Nurse through the Hartford Hospital Nursing Program in 1952. She married her lifelong love, Richard O'Leary in 1953, and resided in Windsor Locks where they raised their family. After nursing at Hartford Hospital, Marian became a nurturing and trusted school nurse at Windsor Locks High School for many years. She finished her nursing career as a beloved, tender, and respected Visiting Nurse through the Visiting Nurse Association. Marian and Richard returned to the Sabonis Farm in 1981 where they enjoyed their golden years with their growing family. She spent her free time reading, gardening, quilting, crafting, and collecting antiques, dolls, doll houses, and miniatures. Marian also had a very soft heart for farm animals, birds, butterflies and many family pets throughout her life.

Being referred to as "Mammie" by many, Marian was at her very core, professionally and personally a caretaker. She was kindhearted, patient, nonjudgmental, and compassionate. Her counsel and support will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Mammie attended and actively cheered on her Grands at many sports venues and was an avid Hartford Whalers, Boston Red Sox and Bruins fan. Mammie's greatest joy was being a part of family gatherings where stories and laughter abound. She took great pride in her grandchildren's academic, athletic and career accomplishments. She always showered them with "loads of love" which will forever remain in their hearts.

Marian was predeceased by Richard O'Leary, her husband of sixty-eight years, her daughter, Barbara A. Pellegrini and son, Brian S. O'Leary.

Mammie is survived by her loving children, daughter Sharon M. Gentile and her husband Lou of Delray, FLA, and son Kevin J. O'Leary and his wife JoAnn of Higganum, CT; grandchildren Colleen Bava and husband Steve, Paul Dowe and wife Jen, Kevin Dowe and wife Ali, Marissa Gentile, Ashleigh Gentile, Ryan Pellegrini and wife Michelle, Sean O'Leary, Meghan Kenter and husband Linas; and Great-grandchildren Emily, Eric, Riley, Payton, Preston, McKayla, Ava, Aubrey, Dylan, and Alius. Marian also is survived by her devoted sister Barbara Sabonis-Chafee, sisters-in-law Theresa O'Leary, Carmela O'Leary and several nieces and nephews.

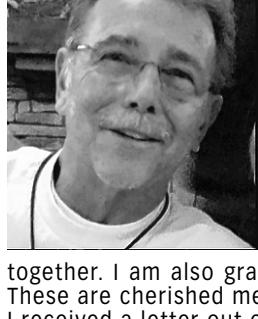
Friends are welcome to attend a funeral mass for Marian that will be held at 1 PM on Thursday, February 3rd at St. Mary's Church Spring Street of Windsor Locks. Following the mass there will be a private family burial at St Catherine Cemetery of East Windsor. Donations in memory of Marian can be made to the East Windsor Historical Society Inc, 115 Scantic Road, East Windsor, CT 06088.

The family would like to express special appreciation to the home caregivers as well as the Eagle Point and Suffield House staff for the gentle care and sincere kindness they provided both Marian and Richard over the recent months.

For online condolences please visit: www.pietrasfuneralhome.com

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Yarde, Craig



My Final Thoughts - By Craig Yarde

Craig Yarde died peacefully while surrounded by his family on January 25th, 2022, at the age of 71. He is survived by Barbara, his devoted, loving wife of 50 years and his two adoring children, Tracy & Craig Yarde. The three of them have provided constant love, support and laughter, not only over the past few challenging years, but for all of our years together. This memory of my time is unique as I wrote this obituary myself. I did not want to boast of accomplishments or the past, but just simply send out my appreciation for my time on earth and the great run I had, while always being surrounded by the best people.

I am so beyond proud of my six grandchildren, Duke, Sam, Devin, Cole, Ben & Harlo. They are everything I hoped they would be and more. My greatest joy was spending time with them and seeing them grow into truly fun and unique individuals. I will miss them so much. I feel so truly blessed for the shared family times that shaped all of our lives and experiences together. I am also grateful for my entire family and numerous friends for the love and support I have received. These are cherished memories for Barb and me.

I received a letter out of the blue from a friend who quoted Charles Krauthammer and it represents how I believe I lived my life and it resonated with my thoughts. "I leave this life with no regrets. It was a wonderful life - full and complete with the great loves and great endeavors that make it worth living. I am sad to leave, but I leave with the knowledge that I lived the life I intended."

To my wife, children, grandchildren, family and friends. Remember to always TPD...Think, Plan, Do. Life always works out and if you make mistakes, you can change things by always focusing on the positive and forgetting the negative around you. Stay strong. It is a great world if you do not weaken, as my Dad always said.

I cherish all the memories of my hometown, Bristol CT. What a place to live!

To all the associates and colleagues that worked with me and my family at Yarde Metals, Inc. over the years, I loved you! We opened the financial books, shared profits together and you gave me all you had and I was forever grateful for your loyalty. We treated all like equals and with respect and dignity. Please continue to treat others as you would want to be treated as you move through life. It was an honor to create such an incredible company with you. That's it for me. Make each moment a great one and enjoy your life.

Craig Yarde

From Craig's Family:

We would like to say "thank you" for the thousands of letters, cards, texts and emails he and we received over the past six months. They were truly heartfelt and they allowed him to realize the impact he had on his family, friends, community and industry. There are no immediate funeral services planned, but come spring we will celebrate our father and husband, Craig Yarde, at the Memorial Boulevard for a tree planting ceremony in his honor.

To leave an online message of condolence, share a memory or a photo, please visit Craig's tribute page at www.O'Brien-FuneralHome.com



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Forever grateful for all your support and sharing that journey together. Miss you and Mom.

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-Carl



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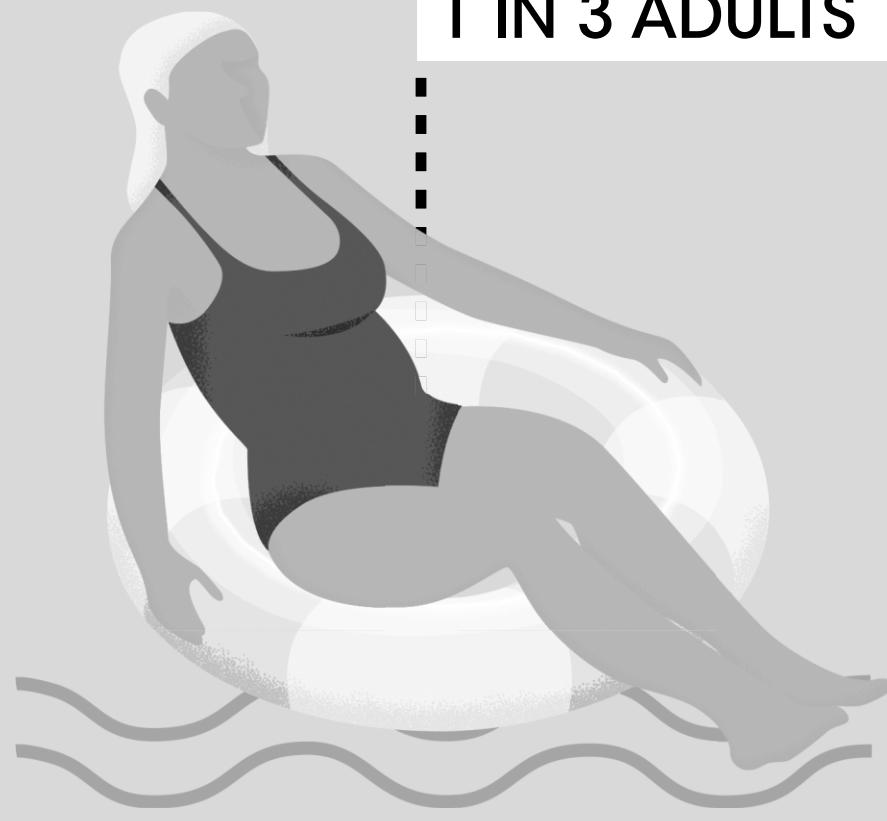
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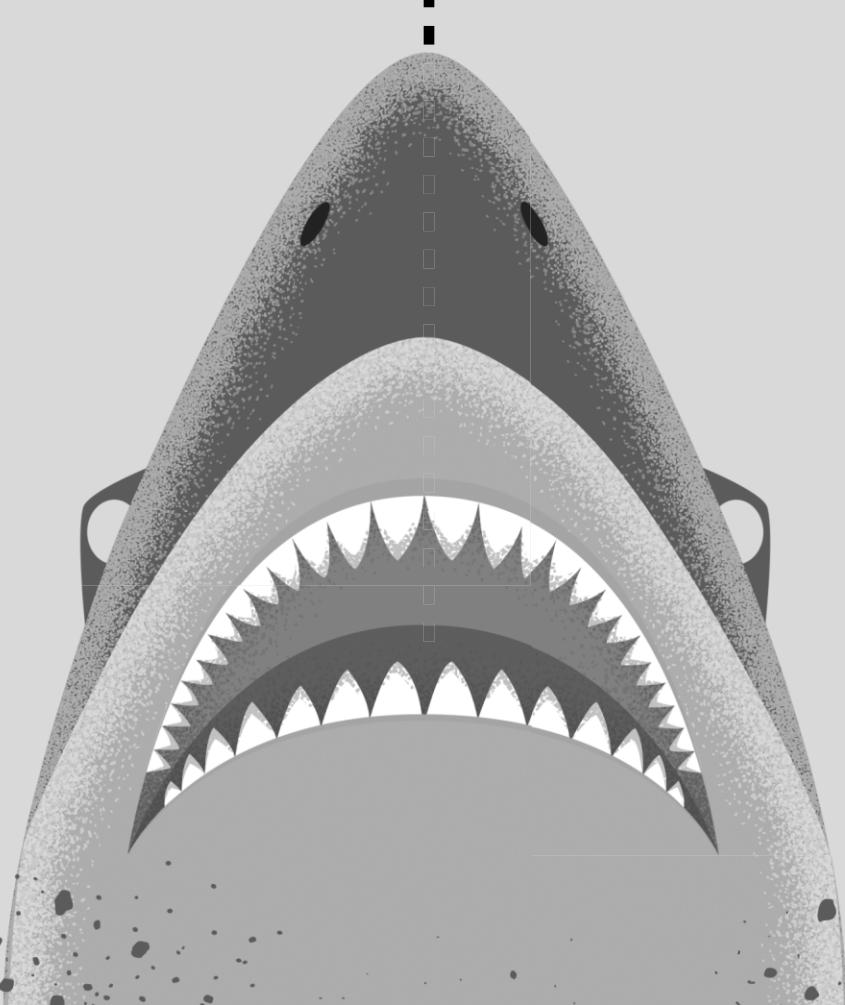
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Lamont aide Geballe leaving for Yale

Governor 'in a foxhole' during pandemic with key figure in response

By Christopher Keating

Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Josh Geballe, one of the most important players in Gov. Ned Lamont's administration, is leaving the administration for a top job at Yale.

For nearly two years during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, Geballe became one of the key faces of the administration as he

answered numerous questions from reporters about vaccines and masks on live television. After Lamont, Geballe was among the most powerful leaders in state government.

As the coronavirus was spreading, Lamont decided to replace the public health commissioner at the time. Geballe essentially became the public health commissioner, filling a large role.

Lamont and Geballe, who both attended graduate school at Yale at different times, forged a close friendship during the long hours as they made crucial decisions during the pandemic.

"It's been a little like a war with all the incoming over this last couple of years," Lamont told reporters at a news conference in Hartford. "If you're going to be in a foxhole, you want to be in a foxhole with Josh Geballe. He was the first guy I talked to at 6:30 in the morning and the last guy I talked to at 10:30 at night."

At Yale, Geballe, 47, will take over as senior associate provost for entrepreneurship to help coordinate the talent of faculty and students as they create start-up businesses and jobs in and around

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Gov. Ned Lamont stands with Josh Geballe, the state's chief operating officer. Geballe is leaving the administration for a job as senior associate provost at his alma mater, Yale University.

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0 Turtles taped for illegal trade, seized by federal authorities. A state-sponsored survey aims to gauge what Connecticut residents know about the threats that the state's native turtles face. **CONTRIBUTED**

Survey to shed light on threats to turtles

Illegal trade, road crossings, habitat loss are among the dangers they face

By Jesse Leavenworth | Hartford Courant

How much do Connecticut residents know about the state's native turtles and the many dangers they face, including illegal trade? That's what a state-sponsored survey seeks to find out.

Poachers gather turtles in the state and throughout the U.S., tape them, stuff them in socks and pillowcases and pile the animals on top of each other in hot and cold conditions for illegal shipment.

"They are not treated well," state wildlife biologist Mike Ravesi said in an interview Tuesday.

Turtles also face often fatal road crossings and loss and degradation of habitat, among other hazards. The state lists nine of Connecticut's 12 turtle species as endangered, threatened or of special concern. Results of the survey (which can be taken at bit.ly/3KUJRYt)

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Residents have posted handmade signs warning drivers to slow down for turtles. Road crossings are often fatal for turtles. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Hospital cases dip below 1,000

Lowest level since December as metrics continue to improve

By Alex Putterman

Hartford Courant

Connecticut has fewer than 1,000 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 for the first time since December, as the state slowly moves past its omicron variant wave.

Cases and hospitalizations in Connecticut and much of the Northeast have dropped steadily for about three weeks, prompting optimism from many experts that the region will have a quieter next few months.

Still, the state continues to see levels of transmission above the level public health experts say is acceptable. Dr. Ulysses Wu, chief epidemiologist at Hartford HealthCare, said Tuesday he recommends Connecticut residents continue wearing masks and taking other precautions until cases slow further.

"Even though the numbers are much better, we're not in the place we need to be at this point," Wu said.

Cases, positivity rate

Connecticut on Tuesday reported 1,240 new COVID-19 cases out of 14,293 tests, for a daily positivity rate of 8.68%. The state's seven-day positivity rate now stands at 9.1%, down from 23.6% in early January and the lowest it has been since mid-December.

Connecticut has now averaged 1,869 daily COVID-19 cases over the past week, down from more than 10,000 at one point earlier this month. Unvaccinated residents have been about three times as likely to test positive

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Mediator: Purdue Pharma is close to new settlement

Deal would require greater contributions from Sackler family

By Geoff Mulvihill

Associated Press

The attorneys general for eight holdout states and the District of Columbia are close to reaching a new settlement with OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma that would require members of the family who own the company to increase their contribution to the deal, according to a court filing.

A judge Tuesday gave them 16 more days of protection from lawsuits over the toll of the drugs while the details are worked out.

Legal protections for members of the Sackler family had been set to expire Tuesday, opening the floodgates for new or resumed claims that individuals in the



An image of federal Bankruptcy Judge Robert Drain is installed by protesters in front of Purdue Pharma's headquarters, in Stamford on Sept. 1. **MARK LENNIHAN/AP**

billionaire family bore personal responsibility for an opioid crisis that has been linked to the deaths of more than 500,000 Americans over the past two decades.

At a hearing held by video

conference from his White Plains, New York, courtroom, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert Drain agreed to the extend legal protections for

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

City of Hartford ends indoor mask mandate

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

Face masks are no longer required indoors in Hartford as coronavirus infections from the fast-spreading omicron variant drop off.

"The city of Hartford will not extend our indoor mask mandate, which expires at midnight tonight," Mayor Luke Bronin said Monday. "We reinstated the indoor mask mandate at the beginning of January in the face of rapidly rising case numbers and positivity rates, and we've now seen a steady decline in those numbers over the past few weeks."

When Bronin announced in early January that he was reinstating the mask mandate, he said the city would reevaluate at the end of the month.

"I told our community that this would be a time-limited measure because of the extraordinary surge,

and as we begin to move past the omicron wave, I think it's important to demonstrate that we take that commitment seriously," he said.

However, Bronin said, businesses and other organizations have the right to require that people wear masks, and he strongly urged people to do so when indoors and near strangers.

He added that being fully vaccinated is the best protection against COVID-19.

"I cannot stress enough that the best way to fight this virus is to make sure that you and your loved ones are vaccinated and up to date with your boosters," the mayor said.

The city put in place a mask mandate in August as the delta variant spread, but lifted it in November when the numbers began to trend in a better direction.

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Southington police: Woman tried to use mothballs to poison dog

Neighbor reportedly hid them in candy to target barking pet

By Jesse Leavenworth

Hartford Courant

Southington police say a woman tried to poison a neighbor's barking dog by disguising mothballs inside candy.

Sandra Sullivan, 57, was arrested on a charge of criminal attempt to commit cruelty to animals, police said Monday.

On Dec. 23, a man called police after allegedly seeing a woman dressed all in black walking along his fence line on the neighbor's side. The

man recognized the woman as a house sitter at the neighbor's home on Whitlock Avenue, police said.

He watched as the woman placed a small, round item on a tree stump in the neighbor's yard, police said. As he returned to his house, the witness noticed a similar item, described as chocolate-covered candy, on his back stairs. The man also noticed a distinct odor, found a mothball hidden inside the candy and became concerned the woman was trying to feed the toxic candy to his dog, police said.

Sullivan initially denied knowing what the man was talking about before allowing officers to look around in the

backyard of the house where she was staying, where they found the poisoned candy on the stump as the man described, police said.

Sullivan then admitted she hid a mothball inside the candy because she was frustrated by the neighbor's dog barking at all hours, police said. She told police she decided to make a "treat" for the dog to see if he would stop barking, but her intent was not to hurt the animal, police said.

Sullivan turned herself in, was released without having to post bail and is due to appear in New Britain Superior Court on Feb. 10.

Mothballs, according to the Pet Poison Helpline, can

be dangerous to dogs that ingest them. Naphthalene mothballs, the old-fashioned kind, are the most toxic type. Modern PDB mothballs are less hazardous, but still can cause illness, especially when ingested. Clinical signs of mothball poisoning include vomiting, mothball-scented breath, pale or brown gums, weakness or lethargy, difficulty breathing, tremors, seizures, and organ failure (e.g., liver, kidneys).

Police spokesman Lt. Keith Egan said he did not know which type of mothballs Sullivan used.

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Connecticut inmate dies of COVID-19

Pandemic total at 28 fatalities while incarcerated

Staff report

A man who was incarcerated under the supervision of the state Department of Correction has died from complications related to COVID-19, according to the agency.

The man's name was not released due to medical privacy laws, according to the agency.

However, the DOC said the 37-year-old male had been transferred from the state's MacDougall-Walker Medical Isolation Unit to an outside hospital for treat-

ment on Jan. 4, and died as a result of his illnesses on Sunday evening.

The man last entered the Connecticut correctional system on Sept. 17, 2019; he was charged with murder and was awaiting trial. He was being held in lieu of \$1,501,000 bail, according to the DOC.

The agency on Jan. 19 announced the deaths of two other incarcerated people who died of the coronavirus. Both men died in the previous week.

One was a 77-year-old man who had been receiving treatment at the MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution's medical isolation unit, agency spokesman Andrius Banevicius said at

the time.

The second was a 51-year-old man who had absconded from special parole on Sept. 23, 2020 and was returned to the Hartford Correctional Center on Oct. 29, 2021. The state also did not release their names because of medical privacy laws.

The agency on Jan. 11 also said that two other incarcerated people had died of COVID-19 in the previous week. Both of those people were being held on bond.

DOC Commissioner Angel Quiros has said, "I pray that we have passed the peak of the Omicron wave of the virus. As always, I encourage those who have not been vaccinated to get their shots."

Since the start of the pandemic there have been 28 deaths of individuals incarcerated in Department of Correction facilities.

The agency said it is continuing its "ongoing efforts to reduce the risk and combat the spread of the virus."

"Some of these efforts include: separating new inmates from others to prevent new inmates from introducing COVID-19, isolating inmates who test positive for COVID-19, vaccinating all inmates willing to be vaccinated, educational efforts to reduce vaccine hesitancy, and regularly testing inmates and staff," the agency said in a statement.

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will help wildlife managers create materials to educate the public about what they can do to help turtles survive, according to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Freshwater turtles are some of the most commonly trafficked species in the U.S. Turtles are illegally shipped to domestic and foreign markets, particularly Asia, where they are eaten, used for perceived medicinal benefits and for their ornamental shells. Many depleted species cannot withstand the additional pressures of the illegal trade, according to DEEP.

Conducted by UConn Associate Prof. Anita Morzillo and student researcher Abigail Dunn, the survey asks questions that include:

■ In your opinion, how important are wild turtles to Connecticut's ecosystems?

■ One of the reasons that turtles are at risk is because of illegal collection and trade occurring within the state. What do you believe are other threats facing Connecticut's wild turtle populations?

■ Before taking this survey, were you aware that it is



illegal to collect or possess a native species of turtle in Connecticut without a permit?

The survey also includes DEEP's conservation law enforcement dispatch line, 860-424-3333, which people can call to report suspicious activity that may be illegal poaching.

Examples of suspicious activity that may indicate turtle poaching include people with bags, poking around in wetlands and along streams, or flipping over logs and rocks; cars parked near forested areas

with collection equipment such as nets, containers and pillowcases; unattended backpacks or bags left in the woods, along a trail, or near roads; sheets of metal or plywood laid on the ground to attract cold-blooded reptiles and amphibians; unmarked traps set in wetlands.

Traps for research will be clearly marked. Also, snapping turtles that are 13 inches or larger may be legally trapped from July 15 to Sept. 30 with a daily limit of five turtles and a possession and season limit

of 10. A snapping turtle endorsement is required, and eggs and nests cannot be disturbed.)

The state's native species also include the bog turtle, common musk turtle, eastern box turtle, northern diamondback terrapin, eastern painted turtle, spotted turtle, wood turtle, Atlantic green sea turtle, Atlantic Ridley sea turtle, leatherback sea turtle and loggerhead sea turtle. The sea turtles have been found in Long Island Sound.

The bog turtle is Connecticut's rarest species. Populations have been documented in only five towns, according to DEEP. Illegal collection for the pet trade has further depleted local populations.

More about Connecticut's turtles is at ct.gov/DEEP/Wildlife/Learn-About-Wildlife/Turtles-of-Connecticut. Also, a new book, "Conservation of Amphibians and Reptiles in Connecticut," by Michael W. Klemens, Hank J. Gruner, Dennis P. Quinn, and Eric R. Davison, is available at the DEEP Bookstore (ctdeepstore.com). Proceeds from sales go toward conservation of Connecticut's reptiles and amphibians.

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New Haven. The position is designed to "help enable Yale research to have the greatest possible impact on the world" by overseeing the Office of Cooperative Research in a university-wide effort.

As a fellow business entrepreneur, Lamont mentions Geballe far more often than he mentions other commissioners during speeches to various audiences, including business groups.

During the frequent pandemic press conferences, Lamont constantly referred detailed questions about the coronavirus to "Josh" — to the point that conservative critics on the radio and elsewhere said that Geballe was doing much of the administration's work.

With the title of chief operating officer, Geballe commanded a wide portfolio and still held the title

of commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services — a key, behind-the-scenes state agency that is involved in everything from hiring state employees to purchasing hundreds of cars for state troopers. He helped carry out the administration's policies along with Lamont's chief of staff, Paul Mounds Jr.

Lamont noted that Geballe and his colleagues also kept the operations running smoothly in the low-key, little-noticed administrative services department.

"Purchasing ... in the political world, it's sort of not that important," Lamont told reporters. "If you come out of the business world, these are key functions to get right to give people confidence that their state is doing it right. Under Josh's leadership, DAS has gotten it right."

Geballe's departure will be a major loss that leaves a hole in the administration during an election

year. His various duties will be handled by other state employees, particularly Michelle Gilman, who currently serves as deputy chief operating officer. She has been nominated to the position of DAS commissioner.

Gilman, 51, was hailed at the news conference as a dedicated, steady hand in state government who previously worked for the state comptroller and then has been Geballe's deputy for the past two years. She will be paid \$190,000 per year as commissioner.

In May 2020, Lamont fired public health commissioner Renee Coleman-Mitchell, who had been given a reduced public role and was not as visible as Geballe on the coronavirus at a crucial time when businesses and residents were searching for information on issues from retail closures to mask mandates.

As a behind-the-scenes player, Geballe said he does not foresee himself running for political office, noting

how hard Lamont works. "My grandfather told me to never say never, but I'm as close to never on that one as you could possibly — No, I don't think so," Geballe said. "I've also developed an incredible appreciation for how hard his job is — the degree to which every day is a new challenge from every possible direction and how you have to be constantly making decisions with imperfect information and dynamics that are constantly shifting."

Created in 1982, the office has already helped 60 venture-backed startups during the past six years, as well as more than 1,600 patents over the past 40 years, according to the university.

"It's something of a dream job for me," said Geballe, a former IBM executive who has spent part of his career in startups and cutting-edge technology.

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Highway, a cat found on I-95, needs help

By Christine Dempsey

Hartford Courant

An abandoned, injured cat was found at a highway rest stop in Darien last week, and police are asking for help with the kitty's care.

The black cat, now named "Highway," was found Jan. 24 at the I-95 rest stop, police said Tuesday. An animal control officer from New Canaan arrived to help state troopers by taking the freezing cat off their hands, and he was taken to a veterinarian to be checked out.

It was there that the animal control officer, Allyson Halm, learned the cat had two broken legs and that its right eye looked unusual because of trauma, New Canaan police said.

Halm said the cat, who was believed to have been at the rest stop all weekend, is scheduled to have the eye removed.

"The poor guy," Halm said. "When I got there, he was very still and very subdued." He could walk, but X-rays showed that the bones in two of his legs were broken.

Halm reached out to the Norwalk-based Pet Animal Welfare Society, Inc., and "PAWS did not hesitate



This is "Highway," the injured cat that was abandoned at an I-95 rest stop in New Canaan last week, police say.

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to help," New Canaan Lt. Jason Ferraro said.

"Despite the suspected abuse, Highway remains a sweet and trusting animal," he said.

Halm said Highway has "a long road in front of him. We are hoping people might come forward to help" pay for his pending surgeries and rehabilitation.

Those who would like to help are asked to call PAWS at 203-750-9572, police said. The address is PAWS, 504 Main St., Norwalk, Connecticut 06851.

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family members for the 12th time since 2019.

The ruling came a day after a second bankruptcy judge who is serving as a mediator in the matter said the Sacklers and other parties are close to a new settlement.

The judge, Shelley Chapman, said in the court filing Monday that members of the Sackler family would contribute a "substantial additional consideration" above the \$4.5 billion in cash and charitable assets they've already agreed to pay as part of a deal, along with giving up ownership of Stamford, Connecticut-based Purdue.

She said that the attorneys general for eight states and the District of Columbia who objected to a previous settlement deal were close to agreeing in principle to the new one.

Chapman said mediation should wrap up by Feb. 7.

Drain said he would OK that and also grant Purdue's request to keep legal protections in place for Sackler family members until Feb. 17.

Drain said that if a deal isn't in place by then, "all bets are open" as to

whether he would protect the family again.

The effort to reach a new settlement is the latest chapter in a complicated legal saga through bankruptcy court.

Last year, the overwhelming majority of Purdue's creditors, including state and local governments, Native American tribes and individual victims of the opioid crisis agreed to a settlement, which Drain approved. But in December, another judge dismissed it, ruling that Drain lacked jurisdiction to let the Sacklers off the legal hook when some parties disagreed. That ruling is being appealed.

At Tuesday's hearing, only one lawyer pushed against extending legal protections for members of the family, which is collectively worth billions: Joe Rice, a lead lawyer for local governments who had sued Purdue. He argued that it was time to open other legal options in a case that has rung up legal and professional fees of \$740 million so far.

A Purdue lawyer pointed out that more than half of those costs were to pay to notify victims they could request a piece of a settlement and to pay the legal costs of the company's creditors.

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in recent weeks as vaccinated residents, according to state numbers.

Still, all eight Connecticut counties — along with nearly the rest of the country — are recording "high" levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With this level of transmission, the CDC advises people to wear a mask in public indoor settings.

Hospitalizations

As of Tuesday, Connecticut had 995 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, down 56 from Monday and down from nearly 2,000 earlier this month.

Hospital officials say some patients hospitalized with COVID-19 were admitted for non-coronavirus reasons before testing positive upon arrival but that a majority have significant COVID-19 symptoms.

According to the state, 54.1% of people hospitalized with COVID-19 are unvaccinated. Hospital officials say the rate is significantly higher when considering only patients with severe symptoms.

Deaths

Connecticut reports COVID-19 deaths on Thursdays. Last week, the state reported 225 deaths, bringing its total during the

pandemic to 9,908.

COVID-19 deaths — which typically tend to lag other metrics by several weeks — have continued to increase in recent weeks even as cases and hospitalizations have slowed.

Unvaccinated people in Connecticut have been about 14 times as likely to die from COVID-19 in recent weeks as those who are vaccinated, according to state numbers.

The United States has now recorded 888,588 COVID-19 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Vaccinations

As of Tuesday, 92.6% of all Connecticut residents and 95% of those 5 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 76.6% of all residents and 80.7% of those 5 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Additionally, about 51% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents 18 or older have received a booster dose.

The CDC warns that booster shots are sometimes misclassified as first doses,

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Seven families displaced by fire at shopping plaza

Firefighter hurt in three-alarm blaze in East Lyme

By Christine Dempsey

Hartford Courant

More than a dozen people were displaced and a firefighter was injured when a fire tore through the upper floor of an East Lyme shopping plaza Monday. About a half-dozen stores remain closed.

The fire at Midway Plaza, 170 Flanders Road, was reported about 4:50 p.m. It took fire departments from nine shoreline towns — from Clinton in the west to Stonington in the east — more than two hours to get it under control so it wouldn't spread, said Chris Taylor, chief of the Flanders Fire Department. It took two more hours to completely put it out.

Damage was significant, fire-

fighter Miles Worthington said. While the fire burned mostly in second-floor apartments, the first-floor businesses have smoke and water damage.

A firefighter was injured while using a fire hook to pull down a door jamb, firefighters said. He was treated at the hospital for a head injury and later discharged.

"It could have been a lot worse," Taylor said.

First Selectman Kevin A. Seery said all but one resident had a place to stay; the American Red Cross worked to find temporary housing for that resident. In all, eight apartments were affected, one of which was vacant because it was being renovated.

Rachael Bingaman owns The

Boss Babe Beauty, one of the businesses that remained closed Tuesday. She said she had about a foot of standing water in her store.

"I'm just in shock because I just opened that salon a year ago and saved all my money to get it up and running," she said. "We struggled with COVID and now this."

She was surprised to see how fast the flames grew.

"There was a woman that came in and screamed that there was a fire above the salon," she said. Bingaman said she didn't hear any fire alarms.

She is thankful for the woman because everyone got out safely.

"It happened so quickly," she said.

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More than a dozen people were displaced by a fire in apartments above this shopping plaza Monday in East Lyme. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

A dozen places to catch comedy

By Christopher Arnott

Hartford Courant

Comedy in Connecticut takes some funny forms.

That means rock clubs, restaurants, theaters and casinos. Connecticut also has a museum devoted to one of the funniest people who ever lived, Mark Twain, though upcoming events are more about romance, civil rights and cats. There's only one bona fide full-time comedy club on the list below. But lots and lots of humor.

This is not a comprehensive overview of comedy in Connecticut. It's a sampling of the range of rooms and talent out there. Start laughing.

City Steam: This is the classic comedy room setup, with beer flowing, brick walls, a tight intimate space and shouty sweaty comics amusing you. There is generally a fresh act each weekend. Upcoming: Mike Hanley Feb. 4 and 5; Jordan Jensen Feb. 11 and 12; Andy Fiori Feb. 18 and 19. 942 Main St., Hartford. citysteambrewery.com.

Sea Tea: Sea Tea Improv is the most active improv comedy troupe in CT. Their own snazzy Sea Tea Comedy Theater is taking some winter time off from the stage, but many followers of the company consider their improv comedy classes to be as big a part of their mission as their hysterical ensemble stage shows.



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special shows. 936 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. elbowroomct.com.

Funny Bone Hartford: The widest range of comedy in one location in the state, nestled among the teen clothing emporiums, specialized eateries and other storefronts of the Shoppes at Buckland Hills. A typical week may bring an open mic, a charity benefit and a hypnotist or psychic — all funny. Upcoming shows: Michael Rapaport Feb. 20; the motherhood-themed "Project Herlarious" stand-up line-up hosted by Eryca Nolan Feb. 27; Missouri comic, "She Laughs" self-help author and social media darling Carolanne Miljavac. 194 Buckland Hills Drive Suite #1054, Manchester.

College Street Music Hall: Major comics have come to try out new material in this sweet concert hall in downtown New Haven (across from the historic Shubert theater, and having a little history of its own as a former movie palace). Marc Maron (who, in previous appearances there, has been known to tell the story of his failed Yale School of Drama audition) on March 9; Whitney Cummings on March 25. 238 College St., New Haven. collegestreetmusic.com.

Playhouse on Park: With its floor-level stage and spacious stage, this professional local theater is a comfy, intimate place to

see comedy, and regular stand-up showcases have been a staple for most of the playhouse's decade of existence. Also watch out for the homegrown "Mama D's" series of saucy burlesque revues. Upcoming: Stand-up nights on April 2 and 30 and June 18, with the comics yet to be announced. 244 Park Road, West Hartford. playhouseonpark.org.

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Foxwoods: The resort casino renamed its performance spaces recently. The biggest names play the bigger Premier Theater and the others rule the Great Cedar Showroom. Upcoming at the Premier Theater: Russell Peters on Feb. 26; John Mulaney on March 19; Jim Gaffigan on April 15. Upcoming at the Great Cedar Showroom: Andrew Santino (of the underrated Showtime comedy-history show "I'm Dying Up Here") on Feb. 12; road comic extraordinaire Jim Norton on Feb. 19; Gary Gulman, who discussed his depression and anxiety in his special "The Great Depresh," March 26. 350 Trolley Line Blvd., Mashantucket. foxwoods.com.

Mohegan Sun: The Comix Comedy Club renamed itself The Comix Roadhouse in 2018, and

streetmusichall.com.

Space Ballroom: A no-frills venue in an industrial park known for indie rock shows and local bands but also for comedy shows that have included current "SNL" stars and up-and-coming national talents. Upcoming shows: Brian Posehn (who can be seen everywhere from "Mr. Show" to Feb. 4 and the dour, distressed Neil Hamburger (who's been to the Space numerous times) April 28. 295 Treadwell St., Hamden. spaceballroom.com.

The Stress Factory: This Bridgeport comedy club made national headlines in 2019 when Pete Davidson of "Saturday Night Live" took offense at a heckler and shut down the show. (He did a make-up gig later on.) Most shows, and there are many many of them, go off without a hitch. Upcoming: D.L. Hughley Feb. 4-6; Earthquake Feb. 19 and 20; Ali Sadiq March 24-26. 167 State St., Bridgeport. bridgeport.stressfactory.com.

Foxwoods: The resort casino renamed its performance spaces recently. The biggest names play the bigger Premier Theater and the others rule the Great Cedar Showroom. Upcoming at the Premier Theater: Russell Peters on Feb. 26; John Mulaney on March 19; Jim Gaffigan on April 15. Upcoming at the Great Cedar Showroom: Andrew Santino (of the underrated Showtime comedy-history show "I'm Dying Up Here") on Feb. 12; road comic extraordinaire Jim Norton on Feb. 19; Gary Gulman, who discussed his depression and anxiety in his special "The Great Depresh," March 26. 350 Trolley Line Blvd., Mashantucket. foxwoods.com.

Fairfield Comedy Club: Operating out of the Circle Hotel, these hardy and well-connected comedy presenters have put together several full-blown Connecticut Comedy Festivals for a couple of years pre-COVID. Upcoming: The club hosts a different comedian every Saturday night, plus special multi-night appearances like Paul Verzi Feb. 4 and 5. 417 Post Road, Fairfield. connecticutcomedyfestival.com.

while comedy is still the main attraction, the stage decor has gone for a brick-and-wood Southern look, there's a steer-riding game and the stage often features live country bands — often directly after the comics. Atmospherically, it's unlike any other comedy club in Connecticut. Upcoming: The biggest comics might themselves in Mohegan Sun Arena, but there's no comedy on that scale on the schedule right now. The Comix Roadhouse has weekly attractions such as Spinnato's Comedy Magic Show and "Lipstick, Lashes & Lies: A Variety Drag Show." Comics include Tom Cotter Feb. 10-12, potty-mouthed pianist John Valby Feb. 20 and Luis Gomez Feb. 24 and 25. mohegansun.com.

Ridgefield Playhouse: This 500-seat theater offers comedy shows on a regular basis. It's a great room for cabaret-style shows, including funny ones. Upcoming: the whimsical "Och and Oy!" with stage/screen star Alan Cumming and NPR host Ari Shapiro on March 18; local stand-up Christine O'Leary and members of her Team Green Light troupe on March 22; and Tracy Morgan on April Fool's Day. 80 Ridge Road, Ridgefield. ridgefieldplayhouse.org.

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Manufacturing jobs are available in Connecticut

Employers reaching out to a new generation

By Erica E. Phillips

CT Mirror

When Jill Mayer graduated from high school in 1999, career options felt more limited than what she sees available to today's 18-year-olds. There was a "stigma," Mayer said, "that if you don't get a college degree, you're not going to be able to make good money and have a long career."

But she likes to think that's changing.

Mayer, 40, now runs her family's Milford-based manufacturing business, Bead Industries, and she recently took the helm as president of industry group ManufactureCT. In both roles, she puts a lot of energy into cultivating the manufacturing sector's next generation of workers and leaders.

"Kids today are smartening up, saying, 'Look, I don't have to go to college to be super successful,'" Mayer said. "I wouldn't say we're all the way there. There's a long way to go on that, but at least there's awareness behind it." Building that "awareness" among young people is vital for the future of Connecticut manufacturing.

After a half-century of decline in the sector, local, state and federal lawmakers are working to revive Connecticut's industrial base. But without a next-generation workforce to feed those green shoots, they could dry up.

Tens of millions of dollars in state and federal funding, much of it matched by private sector contributions, have gone into an

array of education and training programs to funnel Connecticut workers into manufacturing jobs. It seems like at least once a week, a state or federal official is touting a new effort to bring industry back to Connecticut.

Indeed, many sectors are facing labor shortages as the economy heats up in the aftermath of the pandemic recession. But policymakers have homed in on manufacturing because increased factory production often leads to "multiplier effects" — that is, increased activity in related sectors, like the companies that source materials or provide services to the manufacturing business. If Connecticut helps boost the workforce at Groton-based submarine manufacturer Electric Boat, for example, that has the potential to drive up business for all of the company's local suppliers.

Since 2014, the state's Manufacturing Innovation Fund has supported a range of programs from career activities for K-12 students to "pre-apprenticeships" and funding for tuition, books and transportation for high school students taking college-level courses in manufacturing. The state supports training programs in technical and comprehensive high schools, colleges and universities, the correctional system and online. The city of Hartford recently announced the creation of two "walk-in Community Manufacturing Training Centers." And a portion of federal funds under the American Rescue Plan is slated for a new short-term job-training program dubbed CareerConneCT — modeled after one of Connecticut's most successful training programs, the Eastern

Connecticut Workforce Investment Board's "Manufacturing Pipeline," which offers tuition-free technical instruction for people seeking jobs at Electric Boat and other advanced manufacturing companies in the region.

Still, businesses and state leaders acknowledge challenges in getting the word out. Late last year, the fund's board approved plans for an advertising campaign to "drive up awareness, interest and enrollment and contribute to a stronger workforce talent pipeline in the future."

The state has a long way to go. In late 2020, the Governor's Workforce Council estimated that Connecticut's current manufacturing training programs could produce about 3,000 new employees a year at best. That's half of the projected annual demand for the next several years.

"Lack of awareness among young people regarding the attractiveness of manufacturing careers continues to constrain the number of people participating in education and training programs," the council's manufacturing committee found.

Manufacturing enjoyed a positive reputation for much of the mid-20th century, but by the late 1990s and early 2000s, that was shifting. Union membership had declined, and young people were increasingly turned off by what they perceived as dirty, dangerous and grueling careers in a field with few opportunities for growth.

Millennials opted for office jobs. Will Gen Z take trade gigs?

And federal funding cuts led to the elimination of technical skills instruction at many comprehensive high schools.

At the same time, the information technology sector was booming, and supply chains were going global. Some U.S. factory production shifted to making high-tech products. Other operations brought in new machines and automation that boosted productivity.

And many companies relocated their manufacturing facilities to parts of the world with lower labor costs. The combined factors led to a massive drop-off in America's manufacturing workforce.

Connecticut was no stranger to that downward trend. In the 1950s, half of all jobs in the state were in the manufacturing sector (while nationally the figure stood at 34%). Connecticut's manufacturing workforce peaked in 1967 at nearly 480,000 jobs.

Today, fewer than 160,000 people work in manufacturing in Connecticut, accounting for less than 10% of the workforce. That's slightly higher than the national figure of 8.4%.

That generation-wide shock to the manufacturing business left physical shadows across Connecticut in the form of vacant factory properties, often situated prominently along the riverbanks, in dozens of the state's towns and cities. Gen Z came of age amid the looming husks of the industry's past — looking on as many were repurposed into upscale residential and retail spaces.

Colin Cooper, the state's chief manufacturing officer and chairman of the Manufacturing Innovation Fund's advisory board, grew up in New Britain when it was

known as the "Hardware Capital of the World." Several manufacturers occupied the "very large monolithic brick buildings" downtown, Cooper recalled. It was so bustling, he said, "you didn't want to be caught there at shift change."

By contrast, today's factory operations "tend to be smaller and specialized, and they're predominantly located in light industrial parks out in the suburbs at the end of some cul-de-sac," Cooper said. "It's not front-of-mind as much as it was."

And many K-12 students don't personally know adults in the field. With a much smaller cohort among Generation X and Millennials, Connecticut's manufacturing workforce skews older. More than one-third of the industry's workers are over age 55, compared to around 27% across all sectors, according to the state labor department.

Abigail Nadeau, a high school senior studying mechanical design and engineering at Ella T. Grasso Tech in Groton, said she wasn't very familiar with the manufacturing field before she started exploring the program at school.

"I only found out after I had gone into mechanical design that my grandfather was also in mechanical design," she said. "I didn't know that when I joined." When Nadeau learned she was following in her grandfather's footsteps, she said her reaction was: "Oh, wow!"

Last summer, Nadeau interned at Electric Boat, and she hopes to work there after graduation.

Erica E. Phillips is a reporter for The Connecticut Mirror (ctmirror.org). Copyright 2022 © The Connecticut Mirror.



PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

The Town of Westbrook has prepared its draft 2021 MS4 Annual Report describing the activities conducted and accomplishments made by the Town pursuant to the requirements of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). The draft Annual Report is available for public review and comment prior to submission to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection during regular business hours at the Town Garage located at 185 Horse Hill Road or at www.westbrookct.us/stormwater.php. The draft is available from February 15, 2022 through March 17, 2022.

All persons wishing to comment on the contents of the Annual Report should submit written comments by March 17, 2022 to the Town of Westbrook Public Works Department, Attn. Colleen Topitzer, 185 Horse Hill Road, Westbrook, CT 06498. Inquiries should be directed to Colleen Topitzer, (860) 552-4496. 2/2/2022 7138123

**LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
CROMWELL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022
7:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing, at which all interested parties desiring to be heard will be afforded the opportunity to be heard, will be held by the Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 14, 2022, in Council Chambers of the Cromwell Town Hall, 41 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut for the purpose of:

1. Consideration of the Proposed 2022/2023 Sewer Assessment Budget
2. Consideration of the Proposed 2022/2023 Sewer Usage Budget
3. Consideration of the Proposed 2022/2023 Sewer CNR Fund
4. Consideration of the Proposed 2022/2023 Sewer User EDU Rate

Copies of the Proposed Sewer Assessment, Sewer Usage Budgets, Sewer CNR Fund and Sewer User EDU Rate are on file in the office of the Cromwell Town Clerk and will be available for inspection by the public during normal business hours beginning on Thursday, January 20, 2022.

Dated at Cromwell, Connecticut this 25th day of January 2022,
Alice Kelly, CWPAC Chairman
2/2/22 7136780

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Commission of the Town of Old Saybrook will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2022 in the 1st floor conference room of the Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and via teleconference to consider the following:

A. "Max's Place & Big Y Foods" Petition to Amend to Amend Sections 34.2.1 and 53.1 Standard Standards to permit retail gasoline and other motor vehicle fuel sales and battery charging stations as a principal use by Special Exception in the Gateway Business B-4 Zoning District Applicants: Big Y Foods, Inc. & Max's Place, LLC. Agent: Atty. David M. Royston

At this hearing interested parties may appear and be heard and written communications may be submitted in advance via email to chris.costa@oldsaybrookct.gov or regular mail. Copies of applications and plans are on file in the Land Use Department, Old Saybrook Town Hall, 302 Main Street and at www.oldsaybrookct.gov/zoning-commission

OLD SAYBROOK ZONING COMMISSION
1/26/22, 2/2/22 7122925

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A. Proposal to amend the Zoning Regulations to modify Section 12 to add provisions to opt out of the provisions of Section 6 subsections (a) through (d), inclusive, of Public Act 21-29, and (2) section 8-2(d)(9) of the General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 21-29. Those provisions would, respectively, (1) establish a variety of state requirements for the regulation of accessory apartments and (2) limit the Commission's ability to set minimum parking requirements for residential uses. A copy of the proposed amendment and of Public Act 21-29 is available for review at the Office of the Town Clerk and at the Land Use Office in the Old Saybrook Town Hall during normal business hours.

Petitioner: Old Saybrook Zoning Commission

Public Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92356062093?pwd=WEZSYVdRcm1Dcms4d2wxMGTWtZz09>

Meeting ID: 923 5606 2093
Meeting Passcode: 302302
Teleconference Dial-in: (929) 436-2866
One Tap Mobile: tel://9294362866,,92356062093#

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated:

177 Brickyard Rd, Farmington, CT 06032 Auction date: February 16, 2022 at 1 PM

Ryan Seier Unit K2 household goods
Robin Odom Unit 06 Tools, construction materials

Zelda Covington 13 beds, desk, bookcase, couch, end tables, coffee table, dinette table, dining table, chairs, boxes, bins, treadmill

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagettreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

2/2, 2/9/2022 7130507

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS
MIDDLETOWN PLANNING & ZONING
COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2022**

1. Granted an affirmative GS 8-24 report for a lease of 1,000 SF to Peter Oberc Photography and Film at 180 Johnson Street. Applicant/agent City of Middletown/Land Use Dept. GS 8-24 2022-2

2. Granted an affirmative GS 8-24 report for a lease of 1,200 SF to Edriveus, LLC at 180 Johnson Street. Applicant/agent City of Middletown/Land Use Dept. GS 8-24 2022-3

Thomas Pattavina, Chair
Planning and Zoning Commission
2/1/2022 7139333

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown will be held remotely, via WebEx, at Join A Meeting, Event # 2338 585 7991 on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022, 7:00 PM to consider and act upon the following:

Economic & Community Development: \$50,000 - Acct. No. 1000-27000-55400-0000-0000-0000-00; for City to partner with the Middlesex County Historical Society and Wesleyan University to apply for a National Register Designation for Beman Triangle and to look to update the City's Historic Properties Inventory list to be more inclusive. The goal is to highlight histories of our traditionally marginalized communities.

Any and all persons interested may appear and be heard.

ATTEST:

HON. BENJAMIN D. FLORSHEIM,
MAYOR

Dated at Middletown, Connecticut, 2nd day of February 2022
2/2/2022 7139632



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From grand gestures to small acts of kindness, there are several ways to show your support for friends going through a divorce. TATJANA PRENZEL/THE NEW YORK TIMES

In need of a *lifeline*

By Louise Rafkin
The New York Times

Mette Harrison, a novelist who also works in the financial industry, was blindsided in 2020 when her husband of 30 years asked for a divorce. A mother of six, she estimated that she also lost half of her friends between those who ghosted her and others who expressed judgment about the breakup.

According to a 2013 longitudinal study headed by Brown University scholar Rose McDermott, if people in your close social network divorce, the risk of your marriage ending greatly increases. This may partially explain why those in marriage meltdowns find themselves abandoned by their nearest and dearest. But loved ones disappearing may also be because they just don't know how to help.

On top of the loss of her marriage, losing friends was nearly too much, said Harrison, now 51. But when those who stuck by her offered help, she was also flummoxed. "I didn't know what I needed even when people asked," she said.

One friend offered a bed until Harrison could find an apartment; another walked her gently through a frank assessment of her

Divorce is hard. Here's how you can help those going through one.

financial situation. A third texted every day for a year — a simple back and forth that Harrison said she depended on to calm her panic in the early months. Her older brother, Mark Ivie, set up a recurring monthly payment for rent and food, in addition to an Amazon wish list, which he shared with other family members.

"I absolutely would not have been able to make it without his help," Harrison said.

From grand gestures to small acts of kindness, experts say there are many ways to help those slammed by the shame, shock and economic panic of a separation or divorce.

Listen ... again and then again

Although it is often assumed that those in an initial separation need space, Ashley Mead, a New York psychotherapist specializing in divorce, recommends connection. But the right kind of listening takes finesse.

"Divorcees are losing the person they have been most connected to in their whole life," Mead said in an email.

"They are often desperate and feel incredible shame."

"Show up," added Mead,

who recommends refraining from offering advice, suggestions or any hint of, "I told you so." If you don't know what to say, try this: "I know I can't fix it but I am here for you," she advised. "We have a tendency to want to fix bad things for our friends, but trying to cheer someone up is often about calming our own discomfort and doesn't help those trying to relieve hard emotions."

Erika Anne Englund, a divorce mediator based in Sacramento, California, said to "be the type of listener that helps people reach their own conclusions: Ensure your friend has a place to vent, cry, laugh and think out loud."

"Don't stop inviting divorced friends to parties just because they are single, and call them on holidays even years after the divorce is over," Englund said.

When Amy Armstrong, a family therapist in Columbus, Ohio, went through her own divorce, finding friends able to listen without turning her story into drama — or gossip — was a lifeline. "A supportive person helps you see yourself in a bright next chapter, not someone who urges you to complain or stay in victim mode," she said.

Offer a hand, or just validation

Divorce often means that driving a car pool, paying bills and many other

In sourcing a team of supporters, Susan Pease Gadjoua, a therapist in Sonoma County, California, who also runs ongoing divorce support groups, recommends turning to people unafraid of strong feelings or the time it may take to process them.

"People have a two to four-month bandwidth for dealing with others' pain, but recovering from divorce in less than six months is fast," she said.

For those who question their conversational skills, good listening does not necessitate nonstop chatter. Watching a movie together can be greatly comforting, as can talking while hiking. "Don't trash talk, cheerlead or problem solve," said Abby Medcalf, a psychologist in Berkeley, California, and founder of the podcast "Relationships Made Easy."

"Connect with the feeling, not the situation," Medcalf said. "Ask, what's making you the saddest, the angriest, the most fearful?"

"Then, listen hard, with full attention," she said.

Money can help — more than you'd think

The economic impact of almost every divorce hits

hard; studies show that income may drop, especially for women. Details around spousal and child support take months and sometimes years to get ironed out. And even if granted, there is no guarantee of those payments.

According to a 2018 U.S. census report, fewer than half of custodial parents who are owed child support receive what they are awarded, and there is little recourse for most in these situations.

Sydney Petite left her marriage in July 2018 with three children, including 3-month-old twins. Now the sole custodial parent, she was awarded support from her ex-husband but didn't receive any payments for nearly three years.

"I learned — awkwardly and quickly — how to ask for help," said Petite, 30, who heads a public relations company in Mobile, Alabama. A friend lent her money to get a lawyer, a private school offered her oldest son free tuition and a nanny hired to help with the children deferred payment until Petite gained economic traction. Since divorcing, the former stay-at-home mother has paid back all her loans. "I am where I am today because of unexpected support," she said.

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EX-ETIQUETTE

Never compare feelings for your kids with those for new partner

By Jann Blackstone
Tribune News Service

Q. The man I am dating told me that he has walked away from relationships because he felt as if he was second to the woman's children. During discussion he asked, "Why would you ever want to get involved with someone when you knew you were not the priority? Your partner is supposed to be first?" I read your column every week and you always say "Put the children first"

is the primary directive once there is a breakup. I really like this guy and I'm so afraid he's going to leave. My kids are 13, 15, and my oldest lives away at school — but he still comes home. What's good ex-etiquette?

A. Duck! There are some major red flags flying your way!

I would guess your guy has never had children and approaches relationships as a first-time relationship — no strings, everything is new. But second or subsequent relation-

ships when one or both partners have children are simply a different dance. The expectations must be different, and you can NEVER compare your feelings for your children with the feelings for your new partner. If you do, you've already lost. And if your partner is demanding that you do, that's a double jinx. They are simply not comparable.

Combining families is a well-orchestrated dance of sometimes leading and sometimes following. When it's done with kind-

ness and respect, claiming your place will come naturally. You will not take it personally if you can't go out to a movie together because your partner's son has a soccer game. Demanding that a parent choose you over their children establishes a competitive atmosphere, and that's a recipe for disaster.

So take a good hard look at it if your guy is pulling rank. If he feels it necessary to set a competitive atmosphere between family members, no one will be happy — or healthy.



Demanding that a parent choose you over their children establishes a competitive atmosphere. DREAMSTIME

CELEBRITIES

Guyton to sing anthem at Super Bowl

From news services

Country music star Mickey Guyton will hit this month's Super Bowl stage in California to sing the national anthem, while R&B hitmaker Jhene Aiko will perform "America the Beautiful."

The performances will take place Feb. 13 before the championship matchup and halftime show featuring Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Mary J. Blige, Eminem and Kendrick Lamar. The performances and game will air on NBC.

Actor Sandra Mae Frank will perform the national anthem and "America the Beautiful" in American sign language.

Gospel duo Mary Mary will be accompanied by the LA Phil's Youth Orchestra Los Angeles to perform "Lift Every Voice and Sing," conducted by Thomas Wilkins, the principal conductor of the LA Phil's Hollywood Bowl Orchestra.

Grammy-winning producer Zedd will serve as the pregame DJ during player warmups.

Goldberg regrets Holocaust comments: Whoopi Goldberg expressed regret Tuesday for saying on "The View" a day earlier that race was not a factor in the Holocaust, saying she was "deeply, deeply grateful" for getting an education on the topic.

"The View" brought on Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League, to discuss why her words had been hurtful.

Goldberg had apologized via social media late Monday for her statements on the show that day, where she said the Holocaust was "not about race ... it's about man's inhumanity to other man." Panelists had been talking about a Tennessee school board's banning of "Maus," a Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic novel about the Nazi death camps during



Mickey Guyton will sing the national anthem at the Super Bowl on Feb. 13 in California. **VICTORIA WILL/INVISION 2020**

World War II

"I misspoke," Goldberg said on Tuesday's show.

"My words upset so many people, which was never my intention," she said. "I understand why now, and for that, I am deeply, deeply grateful because the information I got was really helpful and helped me understand some different things."

Greenblatt said that many people in the 21st century consider race to be simply about people of color. But Nazi leader Adolf Hitler considered Jews to be an inferior race, which he used to justify the killings.

Maddow taking hiatus: Rachel Maddow said Monday she will be taking a hiatus from her MSNBC prime-time show until April to work on a new podcast and that a movie is being made of her first book and podcast about former Vice President Spiro Agnew.

She said she's going to help out with the movie of "Bag Man," about former President Richard Nixon's disgraced vice president, to be directed by Ben Stiller.

and produced by Lorne Michaels. Maddow gave no details on her second podcast, being made for NBC Universal.

Ali Velshi, Maddow's most frequent substitute host, and other MSNBC personalities are expected to fill in on the regular evening telecast.

'Bruno' hits No. 1: "We Don't Talk About Bruno," from "Encanto," reached the No. 1 spot on this week's Billboard U.S. Hot 100, giving Disney its second chart-topping single from an animated film. The first song to achieve the feat was "A Whole New World" from "Aladdin" in 1993. In 2014, "Let It Go" from "Frozen" peaked at No. 5 on the Hot 100 list.

Feb. 2 birthdays: Comedian Tom Smothers is 85. Singer Graham Nash is 80. Chef Ina Garten is 74. Actor Brent Spiner is 73. Model Christie Brinkley is 68. Actor Michael Talbott is 67. Actor Kim Zimmer is 67. Rapper T-Mo is 50. Actor Marissa Jaret Winokur is 49. Singer Shakira is 45. Actor Zosia Mamet is 34.

TV REVIEW

Docuseries is not the Hefner takedown you were expecting

By Lorraine Ali

Los Angeles Times

The 10-part docuseries "Secrets of Playboy" promises to "explore the hidden truths behind the fable and philosophy of the Playboy empire through a modern-day lens." A&E's series, which recently premiered, partially delivers on that promise, though it holds back at critical junctures and spends far too much run time debunking a brand image that has been dead for decades.

Exactly no one will be surprised to discover that the late Hugh Hefner used and traded young women like commodities and that his mythology of Playboy as a progressive outgrowth of the sexual revolution and a bold expression of feminism was largely a charade. The women lured in by the excitement of Playboy magazine, which arrived in 1953, may have been shocked by the sleazy reality of the enterprise at the height of its power in the '60s and '70s, but who today still buys the sales pitch that Playboy and Hef, who died in 2017, were all about celebrating the girl next door?

Rampant drug use, the alleged predations of older men, the travails of gullible young women and Playboy's broken promises to protect their interests and bodies are recounted via exclusive interviews with insiders, many of whom share their stories for the first time. Coupled with hours of archival footage from inside the "cult-like" environs of the mansion and the clubs, the docuseries skillfully depicts America's fluctuating moral standards from era to era, and Playboy's response to those shifts.

"Secrets of Playboy" could have lived up to



Hugh Hefner, center, arrives at London Airport with an entourage of Playboy Bunnies in 1966. **HULTON ARCHIVE**

its title as an eye-opening expose of previously uncharted terrain if it didn't save its most damning revelations about the controlling, sadistic, power-hungry Hefner for the last episode. Prominent docuseries using later or additional episodes to grapple with the fallout from new developments is now standard practice, but burying the lead as "Secrets of Playboy" does is a disservice to those who came forward to claim that they were trafficked by the "evil" empire and raped by the "creep" in charge.

The stories of former Playmate and director of promotions Miki Garcia and past girlfriends of Hefner's — including Holly Madison, Bridget Marquardt and Sondra Theodore — paint the picture of a dangerous enterprise that recruited fresh young women and broke them. Hefner's personal valet Stefan Tetenbaum, Bunny Mother PJ Masten and Playboy Mansion West resident Jennifer Saginor describe an environment in which women who wanted to become Playmates of the Month or Year had to have sex with Hefner and then were passed around to his friends like human

party favors. If they deviated from the process, there were violent consequences. If they refused Hefner's advances, they were allegedly raped.

It's horrible stuff, but the material that charts new terrain in our understanding of Hefner and his empire is all too easily lost amid the series' unfocused structure. Indeed, it's "Soul Train" creator and host Don Cornelius, former Playboy execs and Hefner's inner circle of lecherous friends who overshadow the Playboy chief's own actions for much of the series.

The problem is that by mixing together allegations large and small, frightening and simply strange, public and previously unknown, "Secrets of Playboy" reveals less than the sum of its parts. It may be worth viewing as a time capsule of a tarnished brand, the depravity of the porn business and the evolution of the culture. But it's a far cry from a devastating — or zeitgeist-shaking — case against Playboy's suave figurehead. The real story of Hugh Hefner is still to be told.

Where to watch: Mondays on A&E



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Caregivers keep pressuring family for money

Dear Amy: My father is 101 years old. He lives at home with us and contributes to the cost of his caregiver.

We arrange for his caregivers through agencies. We provide a competitive salary above minimum wage, as well as paid sick leave, vacation and a weekly "tip" to raise their wage to \$20/hour.

We are middle-class retirees. We are not rich. Nevertheless, almost every caregiver we have hired has spoken repeatedly about how their previous employers "considered them part of the family" and gave them money for a car, a house or a gift in the elderly's will.

We are treating the caregivers well and paying them appropriately; however, we want to continue to see them as employees, not family.

It is hard enough to have to have a caregiver in our home because we cannot physically see to all of my father's needs, but the guilt and pressure several of these ladies have put on us (two women have even asked for a five-figure "loan") makes us feel anxious and stressed.

I've been saying no, and changing the caregiver when the stress gets too bad, but it keeps happening. Is this an expectation when you have a home caregiver?

— Worried

Dear Worried: The AARP has extremely helpful information about elder financial abuse on their website: AARP.org (search "prevent caregiver fraud").

They describe the elder caregiving industry as "like the Wild West," with some agencies not screening

employees for experience or criminal records, and not providing training or oversight for caregivers.

Only use a bonded and insured homecare agency. This might be more expensive for you, but their employees should be well-trained, experienced and professional.

Qualified, competent and kind caregivers are worth their weight in gold, but no caregiver should ever ask or pressure you or your loved-one for money beyond their salary. Ever.

Pressure to be included in an elder's will is not uncommon. AARP cautions:

"Advise the older person's attorney of any suspected

financial abuse, especially if a caregiver is exerting pressure to revise estate planning documents."

Make sure you keep a close eye on all of your father's accounts. Secure his cards, checkbook and wallet in a safe.

You and your husband are going to have to be very frank with all of the people coming into your home. Anyone asking to receive more money from you should be told:

"This is inappropriate. Please don't raise this issue again, with us or with Dad." Report your concern to the agency.

If you suspect caregiver fraud or theft, contact the police and your local Adult Protective Service Agency. The U.S. Department of Justice's Elder Justice Initiative offers an elder fraud hotline (833-372-8311) and a map of local agencies that can help (justice.gov/elderjustice).

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daughter's pediatrician years ago. On it, the doctor wrote that my daughter needed nutrition education or she would be in trouble later in life.

Well, I guess I didn't read that note, and now my daughter is in her mid-30s and is technically obese.

Would it be OK to talk to her about this note I found in the file? She has been putting on weight in the last 10 years and continues to gain weight.

— Concerned Mom

Dear Concerned: I think it would be interesting (and potentially useful) for any adult to receive medical records from childhood.

All records you still possess pertaining to your daughter and her health should be thoughtfully turned over to her, without comment from you.

She is an adult, she knows she is overweight, and she can make her own choices about how to live.

Dear Amy: Thank you so much for evoking Betty White's memory in your response to "Sad Pet Mom," who was struggling with her grief over losing her dog to cancer.

When you wrote that you hoped that Betty White's many animal friends might meet her on the other side of the "rainbow bridge," I got very choked up.

— A Golden Girl

Dear Golden Girl: Betty White was indeed a very special human.

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Aries (March 21-April 19):

You may be so good at relaxing today, you could take it up as a career.

Getting some peace and quiet will likely be your goal. Everyone needs to step back and smell the flowers once in a while — even you!

Taurus (April 20-May 20):

People can bring out the best in you right now. Socializing with peers or loved ones should help you feel like a part of things. What others think about you may matter more than usual — don't let anyone bring you down, but it's OK to try and work with other people's opinions.

Gemini (May 21-June 20):

Your intuition could be boosted into the stratosphere at this time, making it much easier than usual to work out what people really mean. Allow yourself to focus on really listening to the people around you. When they feel appreciated, they may be more inclined to listen in return.

Cancer (June 21-July 22):

There's no need to take life too seriously! The current lightness in the air may inspire you to bring up a controversial topic. Express yourself in a way that's clear, firm and honest, while still being kind enough to avoid causing any offense. A friend may have agreed with you all along.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Feb. 2, 1536: present-day Buenos Aires, Argentina, was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain.

In 1653: New Amsterdam — now New York City —

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):

Clashing with the people around you is possible today can be avoided. You can focus on the needs of others to avoid misunderstandings. Try to minimize any particularly dramatic feelings. Staying on the sidelines until you can get on more stable ground would be a good idea.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Honest communication is rarely easy, and today it might be more difficult than usual. Expressing your feelings is great, as long as you're not talking over whoever's on the receiving end. You need to listen. It might not be necessary to share every last detail about yourself!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Getting things done properly can soothe your worries today. Even if others aren't prepared to deal with any tasks that pop up, you probably won't want to stop until everything is completed! You may have a good sense for where your efforts are most needed.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Indulging in something that makes you feel good is a tempting way to spend your day. This doesn't need to be a big deal or a long vacation — you just need something to help you throw off any stress. Get some daily responsibilities out of the way first. Remind yourself of the rewards to come.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Most of the day is likely to be peaceful, but you may still need to be a little on guard. While it can be nice to spend lots of time with your loved ones, everyone needs space sometimes. If tempers start to flare later today, ask yourself if you're being a teensy bit unreasonable.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Your emotions could feel more intense than usual today. Being in touch with your feelings is healthy, but remember that not everyone will be interested in hearing about them. There's no harm in explaining yourself when necessary, as long as you listen to others as well.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Financial honesty will serve you well today. If you're genuinely low on necessary cash, a loved one or lending agency may be able to help you out. On the other hand, if you just feel like you need more money, you might want to wait until you have more solid resources.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):

You've got cosmic permission to feel good and take it easy! If you make sure that you're able to relax when you need to, you can avoid getting overwhelmed. Spending some time alone could help rejuvenate you — feel free to put off what you can until tomorrow and enjoy some quiet contemplation.

was incorporated.

In 1887: Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, held its first Groundhog Day festival.

In 1913: New York City's rebuilt Grand Central Terminal officially opened to the public at one minute past midnight.

In 1914: Charles Chaplin made his movie debut as the comedy short "Making

"a Living" was released by Keystone Film Co.

In 1943: the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

In 1966: health officials reported that a person in Texas had become infected with the Zika virus in the first case of transmission within the United States.

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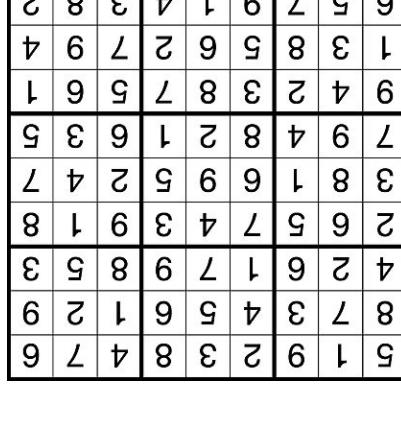
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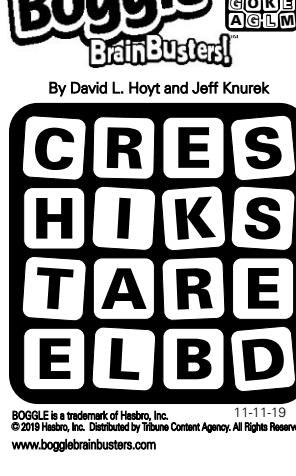
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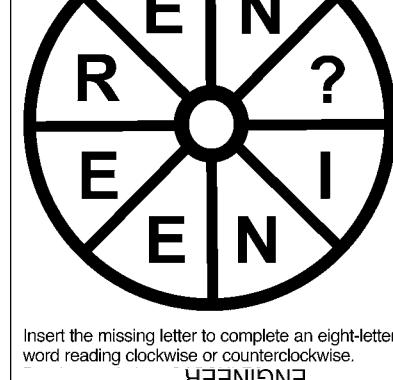
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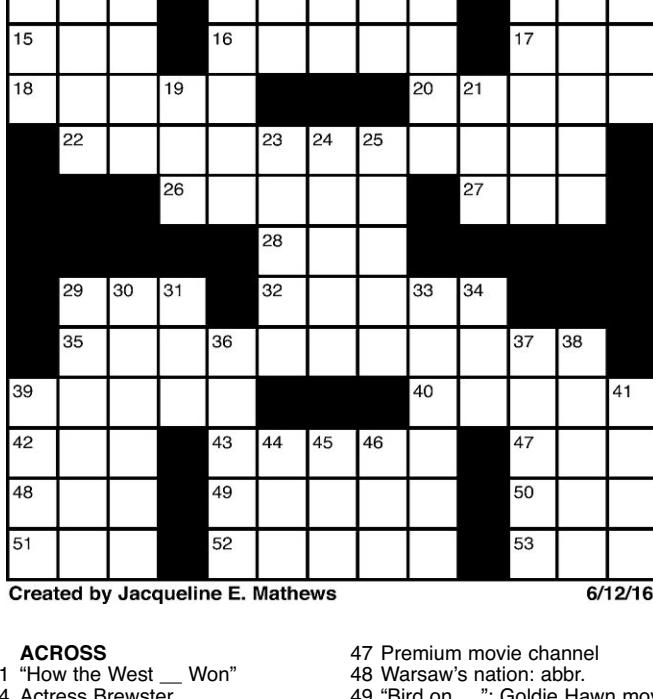


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ACROSS

- 1 "How the West ___ Won"
- 4 Actress Brewster
- 9 Carney or Linkletter
- 12 "___ Age"; hit animated film
- 13 Sports and news broadcasting executive ___ Arledge
- 14 "___ whiz!"
- 15 "P.S.I. ___ U"; short-lived Connie Sellecca drama series
- 16 ___ times; days of yore
- 17 Suffix for heir or host
- 18 "___ of Jeannie"
- 20 Singer Tennille and others
- 22 "Of Kings ___"
- 26 ___ Phillips, once of "Dateline NBC"
- 27 OPQ followers
- 28 "One Day ___ Time"
- 29 Objective
- 32 Foot warmers
- 35 "CBS Evening News" anchor
- 39 Huge horned beast, for short
- 40 Smidgens
- 42 And so forth; abbr.
- 43 Actor Matt ___



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47 Premium movie channel

48 Warsaw's nation: abbr.

49 "___ on ___"; Goldie Hawn movie

50 Flow back

51 "___ Life to Live"

52 "The Wonder ___"

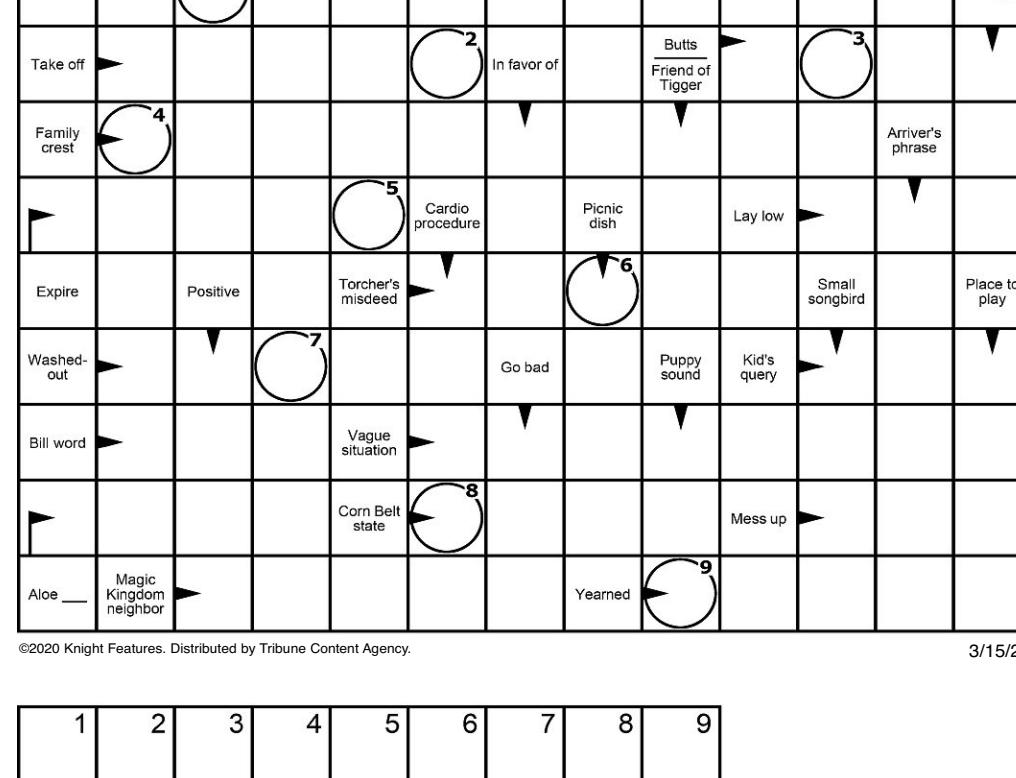
53 "___ Vegas"

DOWN

- 1 "Into the ___"; Emile Hirsch film written & directed by Sean Penn
- 2 Honda's ___ Legend
- 3 Number of children in the house on "The Waltons"
- 4 On time
- 5 E-mail provider for millions
- 6 "Children of a Lesser ___"
- 7 "180" from WSW
- 8 First extra inning
- 9 "___ of S.H.I.E.L.D."
- 10 Refuse to comply
- 11 Actress Harper
- 19 Commercials
- 21 "___ the ramparts we watched..."
- 23 Rump ___; cut of beef
- 24 "___ of Old Smoky"
- 25 "War and ___"; movie for Audrey Hepburn and Henry Fonda
- 29 Mr. Kutcher
- 30 Frozen eave dripping
- 31 Night to watch football, during the football season: abbr.
- 33 Actor Kevin and his family
- 34 ___-mo; playing back of a section of video at a slower speed
- 36 NBC morning show
- 37 Role on "I Love Lucy"
- 38 "___ Dabba Doo!"
- 39 "___ Men"; Forest Whitaker movie
- 41 Cries
- 44 Sense of wonderment
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- 46 Hockey great Bobby ___

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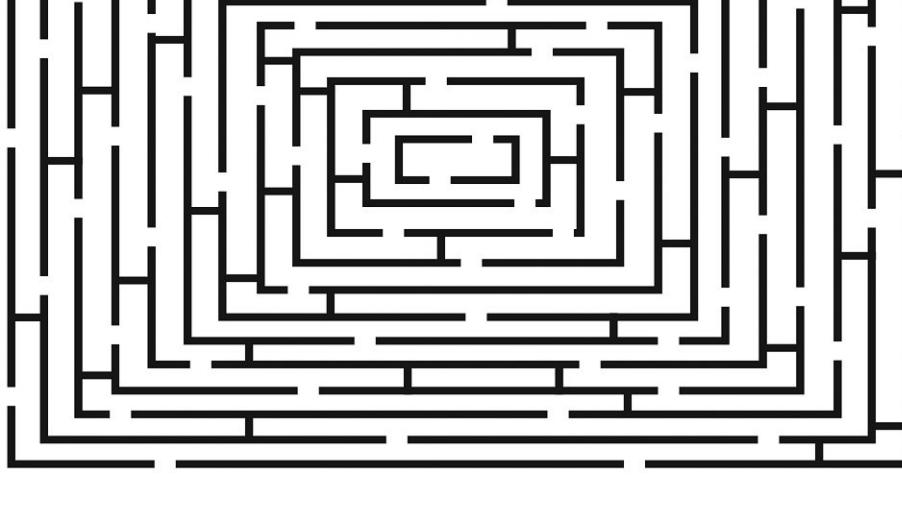


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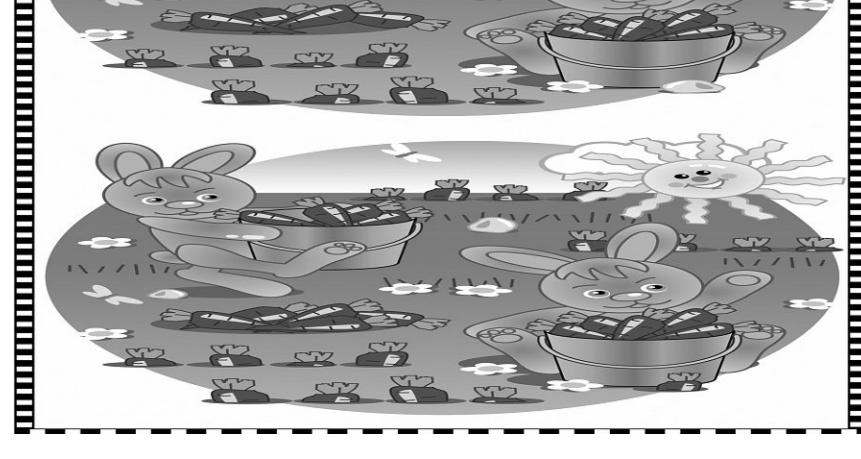
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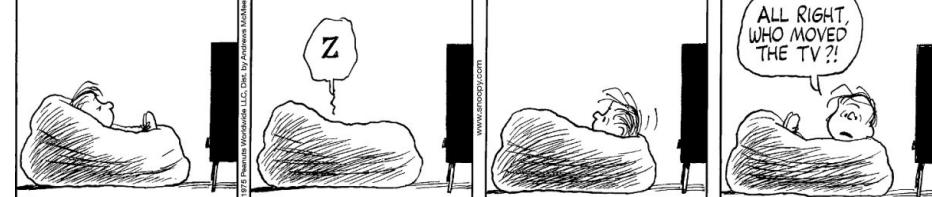
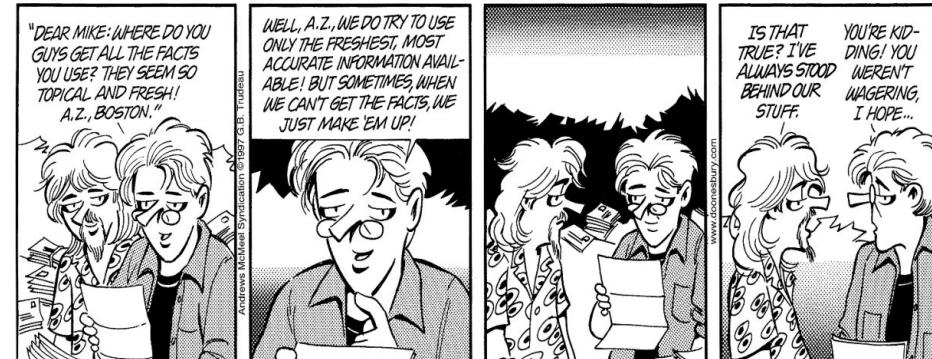
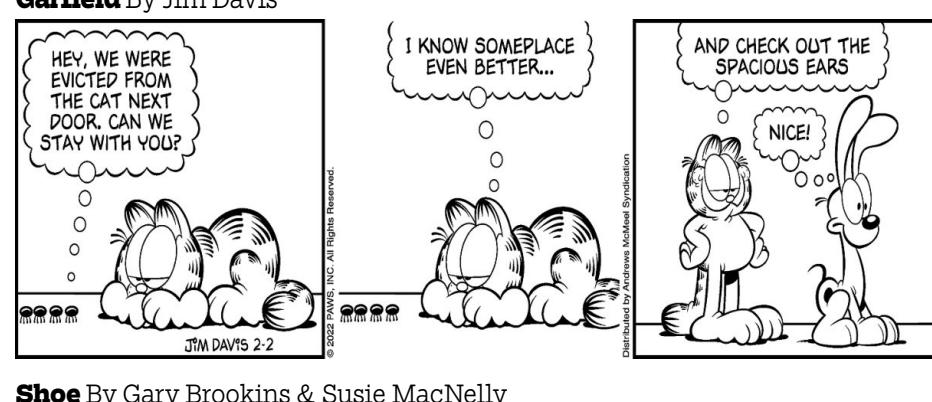
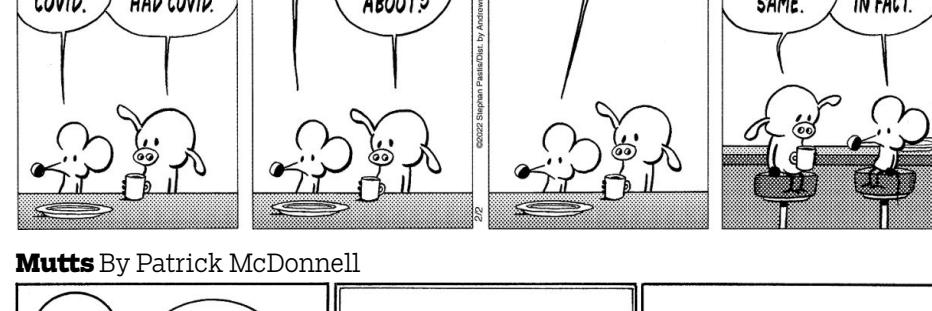
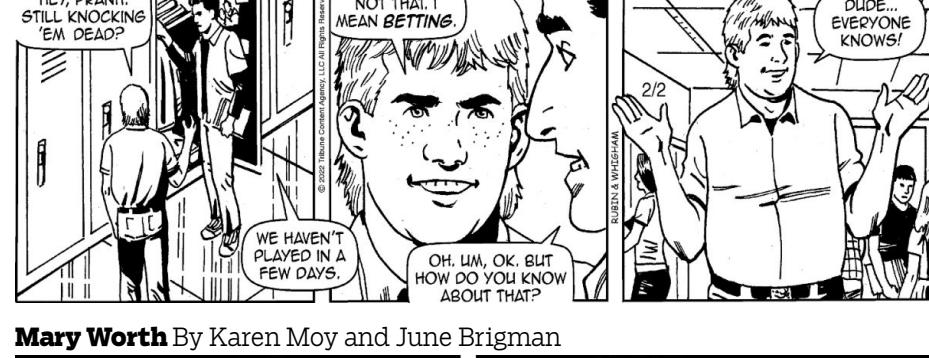
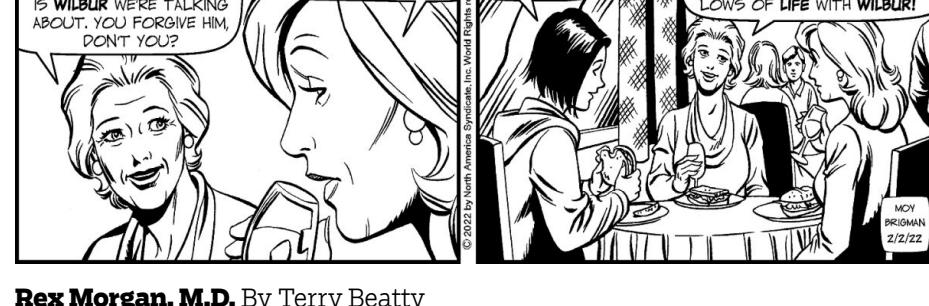
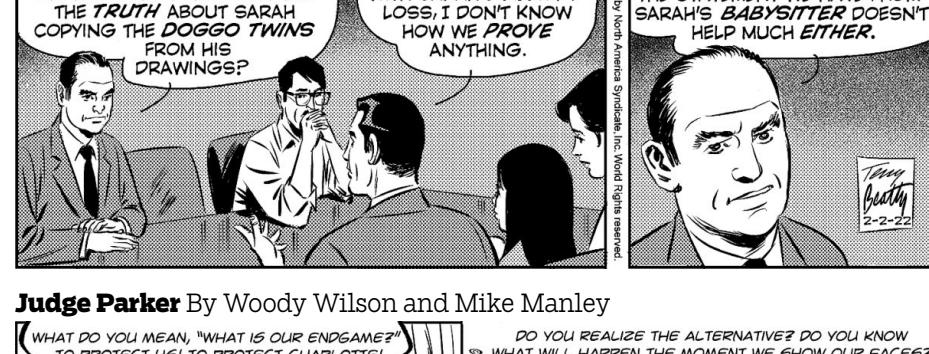
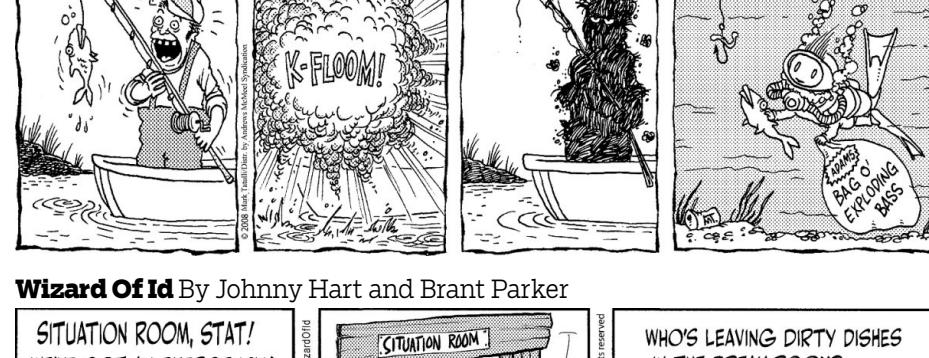


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We must adapt to kids' mental health needs



Heidi Stevens
Balancing Act

A couple of quotes have been swirling around in my head ever since I read about parents in several states protesting mental health services at their children's schools.

The first quote is from Kahlil Gibran's beautiful poem, "On Children," published in "The Prophet" in 1923.

"They come through you but not from you," Gibran wrote. "And though they are with you yet they belong not to you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts, for they have their own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls. For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams."

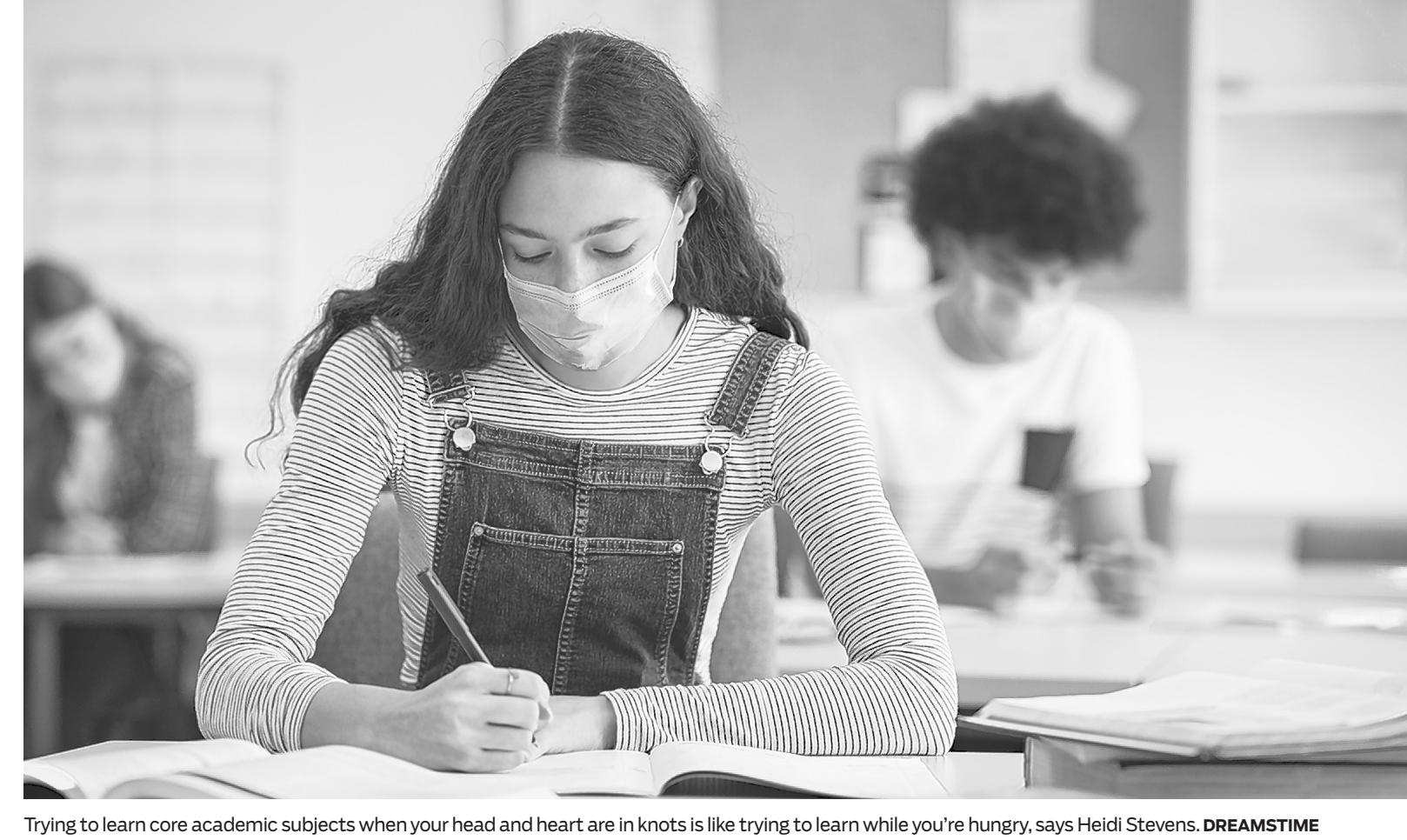
The second quote is from Seth Lavin, the principal of a Chicago Public Schools elementary school about four blocks from my house.

"Children are not okay," Lavin wrote in a Jan. 24 Chicago Sun-Times op-ed. "Teachers are not okay. Schools are not okay. We need help and we need understanding."

Help and understanding don't seem like such a big ask. Not when the stakes are our kids, which is to say our whole hearts, the better angels of our nature, no less than our future.

But help and understanding don't mean the same, or land the same, with everyone.

In several states, including Utah, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin and Indiana, groups of parents are pushing back against social emotional learning in schools and lobbying against legislation that would fund suicide prevention programs.



Trying to learn core academic subjects when your head and heart are in knots is like trying to learn while you're hungry, says Heidi Stevens. **DREAMSTIME**

"Conservative groups argue that social emotional learning has become a 'Trojan horse' for critical race theory, a separate academic concept that examines how systemic racism is embedded in society," according to a recent NBC News story. "They point to SEL lessons that encourage children to celebrate diversity, sometimes introducing students to conversations about race, gender and sexuality."

"Activists have accused school districts of using the programs to ask children invasive questions — about their feelings, sexuality and the way race shapes their lives — as part of a ploy to 'brainwash' them with liberal values and to trample parents' rights," the story continued. "Groups across the country recently started circulating forms

to get parents to opt their children out of surveys designed to measure whether students are struggling with their emotions or being bullied, describing the efforts as 'data mining' and an invasion of privacy."

Parent groups have asked their kids' schools to focus on core academic subjects and, as the Southlake Families PAC in Southlake, Texas, put it, "Leave mental health and parenting to parents."

But trying to learn core academic subjects when your head and heart are in knots is like trying to learn while you're hungry. We know kids need certain things to learn optimally — food, shelter, a stable environment. We wouldn't tell schools to get rid of their cafeterias and leave feeding to parents. (Or we would be rightly laughed at if we did.)

We also know academics are only one of the ways in which schools forever shape and grow a young person. We know schools feed kids' social lives, physical fitness, hobbies, independence, their sense of who they are outside the walls and roles of their home.

And we know that many young people are struggling mightily — were, in fact, already struggling mightily before a pandemic arrived to add to their woes.

From the U.S. surgeon general's rare public advisory, released in December, we know that the proportion of high school students reporting persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness increased by 40%, from 2009 to 2019. We know that the share seriously considering attempting suicide increased by 36%, and the share creating

a suicide plan increased by 44%.

We know there were more than 6,600 deaths by suicide among 10- to 24-year-olds in 2020, according to the advisory, and that Black children are now nearly twice as likely to die by suicide than white children.

We know, from the advisory, that depressive and anxiety symptoms doubled during the pandemic, with 25% of young people experiencing depressive symptoms and 20% experiencing anxiety symptoms, the advisory reports.

It's wildly unfair to ask educators to ignore those statistics and focus on math. Mental health and academic rigor don't sit in opposition. They are, in fact, impossible to disentangle — and we'd do well to stop trying.

"Our job is to be what

children need," Lavin wrote in his Sun-Times op-ed. "Their needs are different now. We have to be different, too."

Which brings me back, again, to Gibran's poem.

"You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday. You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth."

Into a future we can't predict and probably won't recognize. But it will belong to our children, and we owe them every shot at arriving there healthy and whole.

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TOM BRADY RETIRES COMMENTARY

GOAT snubs Patriots in farewell

Brady, who spent 20 of his 22 seasons in New England, makes no mention Belichick, Kraft, franchise or fans

By Ben Volin

Boston Globe

BOSTON — The false start on Tom Brady's retirement over the weekend afforded us plenty of time to plan out the coverage for the real announcement. My column was already half-written Tuesday morning when Brady made it official.

It was about how Brady, 44, could easily keep playing in the

NFL, but he literally has nothing left to prove. Not after winning seven Super Bowls, playing 22 years, setting almost every passing record, and achieving three different Hall of Fame careers — one in his 20s, one in his 30s, and, remarkably, one in his 40s.

But Brady's retirement announcement Tuesday came with a surprising and uncharacteristic unforced error.

In his statements on social media, which included nine pages/posts on Instagram and Twitter, Brady never once thanked the Patriots.

Not a single mention of Bill Belichick, Robert Kraft, the Patriots, or their fans. It was like the first 20 years of his career never

Inside

■ Brady makes it official after a few days of "will he or won't he" around the league. **Page 2**

■ A look at some of the quarterback's most notable accomplishments. **Page 2**

■ **Giants:** Brian Flores drops bombshell lawsuit, suing New York, other teams, NFL, alleging racism in hiring. **Page 2**

existed.

Everyone else in his close circle got a shout-out.

On Page 1, there was a picture of him as a Buccaneer.

On Page 2, his announcement

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Tom Brady and head coach Bill Belichick shake hands at the start of an AFC divisional playoff game against the Chiefs at Gillette Stadium on Jan. 16, 2016, in Foxborough, Mass. **GETTY FILE**

UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Auriemma not pleased with 'lousy' effort in Sunday win

By Alexa Philippou

Hartford Courant

UConn coach Geno Auriemma was far from satisfied with his team's effort Sunday at Providence, saying he "wasn't pleased about anything with the way we played."

The defense had one of its more underwhelming performances in awhile, which bled over to a disjointed offensive outing where turnovers were once again a problem. It didn't help that graduate student Dorka Juhász was out with a foot injury. Auriemma wasn't sure when the 6-foot-5 forward could return, though he didn't seem to think it would be a serious long-term issue.

The No. 10 Huskies (13-4, 8-0 Big East) will need to be better Wednesday night to pull out the win against a tough offensive team in Creighton (15-5, 10-2) and keep their longstanding conference win streak alive.

When the teams first met on Jan. 9, UConn saw its 17-point advantage shrink to eight in the final minutes before pulling out a 63-55 win. Creighton has since gone 5-1, its sole loss to Villanova (74-64).

Here's what else you need to know about the matchup:

The basics

Site: D.J. Sokol Arena

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Series: UConn leads, 4-0

Last meeting: No. 11 UConn 63, Creighton 55, Jan. 9, 2022 in Storrs, Conn.

TV: SNY (Meghan Culmo, Allen Bestwick, Maria Marino)

Stream: In-market SNY viewers with access to the network can watch via the NBC Sports app: <http://stream.nbcsports.com/rsn/sny>. Out-of-market viewers can watch on the Fox Sports App or at <https://www.foxsports.com/> as well as on the FOX Now app or at www.fox.com/sports. The games might not appear on those sites until

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Up next



UConn at Creighton
7:30 p.m., SNY



UConn's Tyrese Martin shoots over Creighton's Alex O'Connell in the first half Tuesday at the XL Center. The Bluejays stunned the 17th-ranked Huskies, 59-55. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

UCONN ATHLETICS

School pays Ollie \$11.1M, considers the matter closed

By Dom Amore

Hartford Courant

UConn announced on Tuesday the university paid former men's basketball coach Kevin Ollie the roughly \$11.1 million he won in arbitration, bringing an end to four

years of legal wrangling.

The university called arbitrator Mark L. Irvings' ruling "nonsensical" on Jan. 20, when he rejected their attempt to terminate Ollie for just cause, citing NCAA violations. Complying with his order to pay the full amount within 10 business

days, UConn again expressed strong disagreement in its statement on Tuesday.

"The university strongly disagrees with this decision," the statement read. "The university's

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Loss of identity

Huskies stumble at home to Bluejays despite Whaley's career night; defeat leaves Hurley 'embarrassed'

By Shreyas Laddha

Hartford Courant

The UConn men's basketball team strayed away from its identity on Tuesday night.

Despite Isaiah Whaley's career-high 20 points, the Huskies lost 59-55 against Creighton in a Big East Conference game at the XL Center, snapping a five-game win streak.

In the first half, UConn got outhustled to multiple 50-50 plays leading to momentum-shifting buckets. Creighton had a 27-16 rebounding advantage, leading to 11 second-chance points. The Huskies' identity this season has been built around rebounding and physicality which was nowhere to be found in the first half. UConn coach Dan Hurley wasn't happy.

"I was stunned at being down 10 at halftime," he said. "It should have been down four at the half. We did bizarre [things] with the ball. We didn't look like a well-coached team. I am embarrassed by that. I am embarrassed by how we played. UConn should never look like this."

With seven seconds left in the game, guard Andre Jackson nailed a 3 to cut Creighton's lead to 57-55. Creighton's Trey Alexander was fouled with two seconds left and sank both free throws to put the game out of reach.

One of the few bright spots was Whaley's play. Creighton dared him to beat them and he took advantage. The forward made open 3s, cut to the basket for easy shots and had pivotal offensive rebounds. The game would have been over early if not for Whaley's play in the first half. He had 11 points and shot 5-for-8 from the

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More UConn coverage

On Air: Harrison "Honey" Fitch, UConn's first Black men's basketball player, to be inducted into Huskies of Honor.

Inside Sports: Coach Jim Mora hoping to add up to 12 new Huskies Wednesday on national signing day. **Page 4**

Did you know?

Sixteen-year-olds have higher crash rates than drivers of any other age.

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UConn WBB: at Creighton, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Butler (Gampel), Friday, 7 p.m.; Tennessee (XL), Sunday, noon

Celtics: Hornets, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Pistons, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Magic, Sunday, 6 p.m.

Knicks: Grizzlies, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Lakers, Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; at Jazz, Monday, 9 p.m.

Nets: at Kings, Wednesday, 10 p.m.; at Jazz, Friday, 9 p.m.; at Nuggets, Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

UConn hockey: Providence, Friday, 7 p.m.; at New Hampshire, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; at Merrimack, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Bruins: Penguins, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Hurricanes, Feb. 10, 7 p.m.; at Senators, Feb. 12, 12:30 p.m.

Rangers: Bruins, Feb. 15, 7 p.m.; Red Wings, Feb. 17, 7 p.m.; at Senators, Feb. 20, 5 p.m.

Wolf Pack: at Hershey, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Springfield, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Lehigh Valley, Saturday, 5 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASKETBALL

7 p.m.: Florida State at Clemson. (Live) ACC

7 p.m.: Vanderbilt at Kentucky. (Live) SEC

7 p.m.: Butler at Xavier. (Live) CBSSN

7 p.m.: Pittsburgh at Wake Forest. (Live) ESPN2

7 p.m.: Arkansas at Georgia. (Live) ESPNU

7:30 p.m.: Women's College: UConn at Creighton. (Live) SNY

7:30 p.m.: Hornets at Celtics. (Live), NBCSB

7:30 p.m.: Grizzlies at Knicks. (Live), ESPN, MSG

9 p.m.: Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech. (Live) ACC

9 p.m.: Florida at Missouri. (Live) SEC

9 p.m.: Dayton at VCU. (Live) CBSSN

9 p.m.: Syracuse at NC State. (Live) ESPN2

9 p.m.: Oklahoma State at Kansas State. (Live) ESPNU

10 p.m.: Nets at Kings. (Live), YES

10 p.m.: Villanova at Marquette. (Live) FSI

10:05 p.m.: Nuggets at Jazz. (Live) ESPN

FOOTBALL

12:30 p.m.: Reese's Senior Bowl Practice. (Live) ESPNU

3 p.m.: Reese's Senior Bowl Practice. (Live) ESPN2

GOLF

3 a.m.: Asian Tour Golf PIF Saudi International, First Round. (Live) GOLF

HOCKEY

7 p.m.: Oilers at Capitals. (Live) SPRTNET, TNT

9:30 p.m.: Wild at Blackhawks. (Live) TNT

OLYMPICS

6 p.m.: Mixed Doubles Curling - Australia vs U.S. (Same-day Tape) USA

8 p.m.: Mixed Doubles Curling - U.S. vs Italy. (Live) USA

10 p.m.: Alpine Skiing. (Live) USA

11:10 p.m.: Women's Hockey - Switzerland vs Canada. (Live) USA

1:30 a.m. Thu.: Mixed Doubles Curling - U.S. vs Norway. (Same-day Tape) USA

3 a.m. Thu.: Mixed Doubles Curling - Italy vs Switzerland. (Same-day Tape) USA

5 a.m. Thu.: Freestyle Skiing. (Live) USA

SOCCER

2:45 p.m.: Scottish Premier League Soccer

Celtic FC vs Rangers FC. (Live) CBSSN

7 p.m.: FIFA Eliminatorias

Copa Mundial 2022 (Live) UNI

7:30 p.m.: FIFA World Cup 2022 Qualifying United States vs Honduras. (Live) FSI

9:30 p.m.: FIFA

Eliminatorias

Copa Mundial 2022 (Live) UNI

10 p.m.: FIFA

World Cup 2022

Qualifying El Salvador vs Canada. (Live) SPRTNET

NFL

Flores drops bombshell lawsuit

Fired Dolphins coach sues old team, Giants, Broncos and a league that is 'rife with racism'

By Larry McShane
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Recently-fired Miami Dolphins head coach Brian Flores filed an explosive Manhattan Federal Court lawsuit Tuesday against the NFL, with the Black plaintiff alleging the league "remains rife with racism" and pays little more than lip service to its oft-stated goal of coaching diversity.

The 58-page class action filing names the NFL and all 32 of its franchises, demanding a jury trial to resolve the allegations leveled less than a month after Flores was fired by the Dolphins despite posting a winning record in the last two seasons.

The coach, dismissed on Jan. 10, also blasts the league's "Rooney Rule" to increase the number of minority coaches as a horribly failed effort at sideline diversity. With Flores' firing, Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin remains the NFL's only Black head coach.

"In certain critical ways, the NFL is racially segregated and is managed much like a plantation," the lawsuit charged. "Its 32 owners — none of whom are black — profit substantially from the labor of NFL players, 70% of whom are black."

"The racial discrimination has only been made worse by the NFL's disingenuous commitment to social equity."

The 40-year-old Flores, a Brook-

lyn native who posted a 19-14 record in his last two years in Miami, was widely considered one of the league's top young coaches before his sudden firing.

The lawsuit quoted a text chat between Flores, who was one of the candidates for the New York Giants opening filled by white head coach Brian Daboll, and New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick.

In the exchange, Belichick initially congratulates Flores for landing the job to replace fired head coach Joe Judge although the New England coach apparently thought he was chatting with Daboll in the days before the hiring became public.

"Sorry ... I double-checked & misread the text," wrote Belichick. "I think they are naming Daboll. I'm sorry about that. BB."

Flores, in a statement, said the need for dramatic change in the sport outweighed his goal of winning a Super Bowl.

"I understand that I may be risking coaching the game that I love and that has done so much for my family and me," he said. "My sincere hope is that by standing up against systemic racism in the NFL, others will join me to ensure that positive change is made for generations to come."

Flores additionally charged the Giants brought him in for a sitdown anyway this year after deciding on Daboll, and alleged the Denver Broncos invited him to a 2019 interview purely to meet the "Rooney Rule" requirement — with GM John Elway appearing late and hungover.

The Broncos instead hired Vic Fangio, a white head coach fired after posting a 19-30 record over three years in Denver.

"Mr. Flores was not only denied

The wrong Brian

Part of the evidence in Brian Flores' lawsuit is a text thread started by Patriots coach Bill Belichick that went to Flores:

BB: Giants?!?!

BF: I interview on Thursday.

BF: I think I have a shot at it.

BB: Got it — I hear from Buffalo & NYG that you are their guy. Hope it works out if you want it to!!

BF: That's definitely what I want! I hope you're right coach. Thank you.

BF: Coach, are you talking to Brian Flores or Brian Dabol. Just making sure.

BB: Sorry — I [expletive] this up. I double checked & misread the text. I think they are naming Daboll. I'm sorry about that. BB

BF: Thanks Bill

the process that led to his hiring.

"We interviewed an impressive and diverse group of candidates," said the Giants. "The fact of the matter is, Brian Flores was in the conversation to be our head coach until the eleventh hour. Ultimately, we hired the individual we felt was most qualified to be our next head coach."

Flores started his career with New England back in 2004 at the age of 23, and eventually became the defensive play caller for the Patriots team that defeated the L.A. Rams 13-3 in the 2019 Super Bowl before taking the Miami job.

Once there, he alleged, owner Stephen Ross offered him a \$1,000 per game bonus for every loss in hopes of tanking for a higher pick in the 2020 draft.

The lawsuit pointedly noted there was now just a single Black head coach in the entire league and a dearth of minorities in other high-level staff jobs like offensive coordinator, defensive coordinator and quarterback coach.

"This is not by chance," the lawsuit charged. "Rather, the statistics ... described through this complaint are the result of racial discrimination."

The lengthy court documents raised the NFL's exile of San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, alleging he was blackballed after taking a knee during the "Star-Spangled Banner."

The suit also referenced the recent scandal where Las Vegas Raiders coach Jon Gruden was fired after email messages where he made racist and homophobic remarks were made public. Though the statements dated to 2011, the coach was only dismissed last season.

TOM BRADY RETIRES

After 22 seasons, QB finally walks away from game

By Nicole Yang
Boston Globe

It's official: Tom Brady has announced his retirement.

Brady shared the news via a lengthy statement posted to his social media accounts Tuesday morning, three days after it was reported that he was planning to retire.

"I have always believed the sport of football is an 'all-in' proposition — if a 100 percent competitive commitment isn't there, you won't succeed, and success is what I love so much about our game," Brady wrote.

"There is a physical, mental, and emotional challenge EVERY single day that has allowed me to maximize my highest potential. And I have tried my very best these past 22 years. There are no shortcuts to success on the field or in life."

"This is difficult for me to write, but here it goes: I am not going to make that competitive commitment anymore. I have loved my NFL career, and now it is time to focus my time and energy on other things that require my attention."

In his announcement, Brady thanked his Buccaneers teammates, coach Bruce Arians and his staff, general manager Jason Licht, owner Joel Glazer and his family, Bucs staffers, Bucs fans, and the city of Tampa. He also shouted out his longtime trainer and business partner Alex Guerrero, his agents Don Yee and Steve Dubin, and his family.

He did not mention the Patriots, the team for which he played his first 20 seasons.

Brady, who will turn 45 in August, had been coy about the retirement reports, even saying on an episode of his podcast Monday night that he was "still going through the process."

But he confirmed Tuesday morning that he's walking away from the NFL after an unprecedented level of success. Brady won a record seven Super Bowl titles, including six with the Patriots and coach Bill Belichick, and earned three league MVP awards.

He hangs up his cleats as the all-time leader in passing yards (84,520) and

Brady's career highlights

Super Bowl appearances:

10

Super Bowl champion: 7

Super Bowl MVP: 5

League MVP: 3 (2007, 2010, 2017)

AP Offensive Player of the Year: 2 (2007, 2010)

AP Comeback Player of the Year: 1 (2009)

AP Male Athlete of the Year: 1 (2007)

RECORDS

Regular season

NFL all-time leader in wins (243), touchdown passes (624), passing yardage (84,520) and completions (7,263)

Postseason

Wins (35), passing yards (12,720), TD passes (85).

Super Bowl

Led biggest comeback in Super Bowl history, overcoming 28-3 deficit for 34-28 OT win in Super Bowl 51. Most passing yards (505) in 41-33 loss in Super Bowl 52.

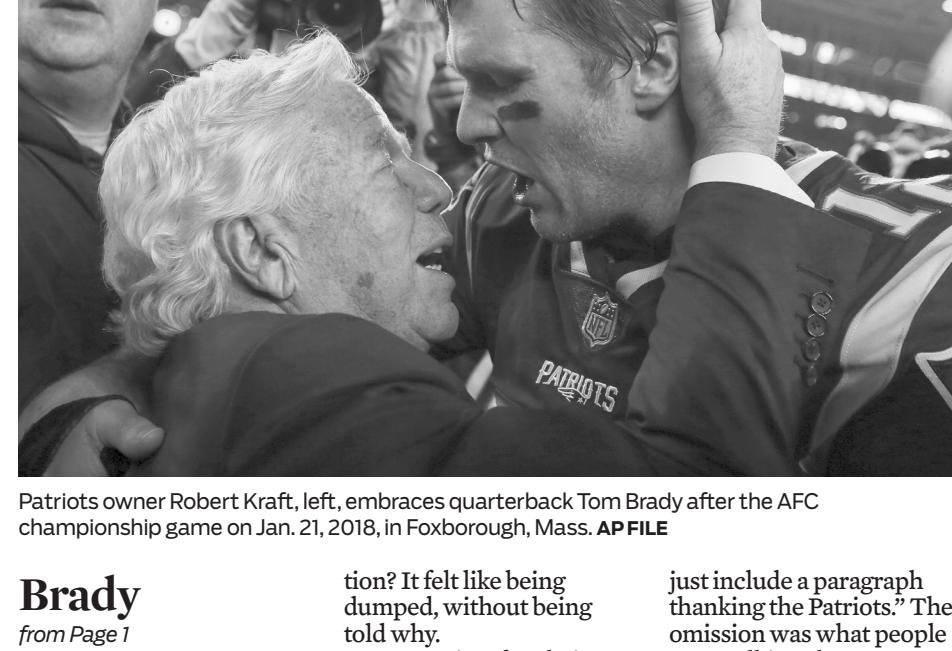
touchdown passes (624). He also ranks No. 1 all-time in career wins (243).

The fond memories are aplenty for Brady, who led a record 67 game-winning drives — 14 of which came in the postseason. Who can forget the Patriots overcoming a 28-3 third-quarter deficit against Atlanta in Super Bowl LI? Or the comeback against Jacksonville in the 2017 AFC Championship game? Or the 16-0 regular season in 2007?

Brady had long said that he wanted to play until he was 45, that he wanted to play until he could no longer help his team win. But he finished atop the quarterback leaderboards this past season, continuing to show he's capable.

In fact, Brady threw for more touchdowns in his 40s than he did in his 20s.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell also wished Brady well, even though their relationship had turned frosty following Brady's four-game suspension as a result of the controversy concerning underinflated footballs in the 2014 AFC Championship game. In a statement, Goodell called Brady "one of the greatest to ever play in the NFL."



Patriots owner Robert Kraft, left, embraces quarterback Tom Brady after the AFC championship game on Jan. 21, 2018, in Foxborough, Mass. AP FILE

Brady

SCOREBOARD

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE															
FAVORITE	LINE	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	FAVORITE	LINE	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Florida	46	32	9	5	6	69	192	134	Carolina	42	31	9	2	64	147	98	
Tampa Bay	45	29	10	6	6	64	154	128	N.Y. Rangers	46	29	13	4	62	140	120	
Toronto	41	28	10	3	59	146	111	Pittsburgh	45	27	11	7	61	151	120		
Boston	42	25	14	3	53	128	118	Washington	45	24	12	9	57	145	122		
Detroit	46	20	20	6	46	127	157	Columbus	43	20	22	1	41	136	159		
Buffalo	44	14	23	7	35	109	152	N.Y. Islanders	37	15	16	6	36	89	101		
Ottawa	39	14	21	4	32	109	132	Philadelphia	44	14	22	8	36	110	151		
Montreal	44	8	29	7	23	99	172	New Jersey	44	15	24	5	35	125	156		
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA										

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE																
FAVORITE	LINE	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	FAVORITE	LINE	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	
Philadelphia	31	19	.620	—					Charlotte	28	23	.549	4					
Brooklyn	29	20	.592	1	1/2				Atlanta	24	26	.480	7 1/2					
Toronto	25	23	.521	5					Washington	23	26	.469	8					
Boston	27	25	.519	5					Orlando	11	40	.216	21					
New York	24	27	.471	7 1/2														
SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB														
Miami	32	19	.627	—														
Charlotte	28	23	.549	4														
Atlanta	24	26	.480	7 1/2														
Washington	23	26	.469	8														
Orlando	11	40	.216	21														
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB														
Chicago	31	18	.633	—														
Cleveland	31	20	.608	1														
Milwaukee	31	21	.596	1 1/2														
Indiana	19	33	.365	13 1/2														
Detroit	12	37	.245	19 1/2														
PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB														
Vegas	45	26	.16	3	55	153	135											
Anaheim	48	23	.16	9	55	141	137											
Los Angeles	46	23	.16	7	53	131	127											
Calgary	40	21	.13	6	48	128	99											
Edmonton	41	22	.16	3	47	137	135											
San Jose	45	22	.20	3	47	124	139											
Vancouver	45	20	.16	6	46	113	122											
Seattle	44	14	.26	4	23	116	156											

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Florida at N.Y. Rangers, late
San Jose at Tampa Bay, late
Seattle at Boston, late
Toronto at New Jersey, late
Washington at Pittsburgh, late
Winnipeg at Philadelphia, late
Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, late
Vancouver at Nashville, late
Calgary at Dallas, late
Arizona at Colorado, late
Buffalo at Vegas, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Edmonton at Washington, 7 p.m.
Seattle at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Arizona, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.

ALL-STAR COMPETITIONS

T-Mobile ARENA, LAS VEGAS

Friday: Skills Challenge
-Fountain Face-Off
-Fastest Skater
-Save Streak
-Hardest Shot
-Breakaway Challenge
-Accuracy Shooting

Saturday: All-Star Game, 3 p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Florida 8, Columbus 4
Vancouver 3, Chicago 1
Detroit 2, Anaheim 1 (OT)
Toronto 6, New Jersey 4
Ottawa 3, Edmonton 2 (OT)

SOCCER

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE		NHL PLAYOFFS						GP	W	D	L	GF	GA		
CLUB	GP	W	D	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Man City	23	18	3	2	55	14	57								
Liverpool	22	14	6	2	58	19	48								
Chelsea	24	13	8	3	48	18	47								
Man United	22	11	5	6	36	30	38								
Arsenal	21	11	3	8	41	31	37								
Tottenham	20	11	3	7	33	25	36								
Wolverhampton	21	10	4	7	19	16	34								
Brighton	22	6	12	4	23	30									
Leicester	20	7	5	8	34	37	26								
Aston Villa	21	8	2	11	28	32	26								
Southampton	22	5	10	7	26	34	25								
Crystal Palace	22	5	9	8	31	34	24								
Brentford	23	6	5	12	26	38	23								
Leeds	21	5	7	9	24	40	22								
Everton	20	5	4	11	24	35	19								
Norwich	22	4	4	14	13	45	16								
Newcastle	21	2	9	10	21	43	1								

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Wednesday: at Creighton, 7:30 p.m., SNY

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Saturday: at Villanova, noon, FOX

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UCONN FOOTBALL

By Dom Amore
 Hartford Courant

UCONN expects about a dozen football prospects to sign national letters of intent Wednesday, which is signing day across the country.

Coach Jim Mora, who took over following the season, landed 13 players in December, during the early signing period. He and his staff have been at work, gaining commitments from high school, prep school, junior college players, and experienced players through the transfer portal.

Headlining the list of those

expected to sign is Norwalk High's Cam Edwards, who rushed for 1,666 yards and 23 touchdowns, and also played defensive back, and Prince Samuels of Windsor, a wide receiver and defensive end. Both have committed to UConn. Mora has put emphasis on landing state players, with Edwards and Samuels joining Victor Rosa of Bristol Central, the Gatorade player of the year, who signed in December, and several others from Connecticut-based prep schools.

UCONN has also been aggressive in added quarterbacks to compete for snaps. Wednesday they are expect-

ing to get a signed letter from Zion Turner, from St. Thomas Aquinas in Fort Lauderdale Florida. In December, UConn got a commitment from Ta'Quan Roberson, transferring from Penn State, and Cale Millen, the son of former NFL quarterback High Millen, who is transferring from Northern Arizona.

Zion Turner won three state championships in Florida. His team won 37 of his 39 starts as Turner completed 62.5 percent of his passes for 4,951 yards and 59 touchdowns.

Tyler Phommachanh and Steve Krajewski are returning from last season.

Class of 2022 highlights

A look at some of the new Huskies who stand out:

Cam Edwards: The Norwalk High running back, considered the best ball carrier in the state, rushed for 1,666 yards and two touchdowns.

Prince Samuels: The Windsor High School defensive end and wide receiver led the Warriors to the Class L championship game.

Zion Turner: St. Thomas Aquinas High, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Completed 62% of his passes for 59 touchdowns in his career, helping to win three state championships.

Lee Molette: Ravenwood High, Brentwood, Tennessee. Considered an all-around athlete, position to be determined.

Tres Barbosa: Texas-El Paso. Transfer, now eligible, 295-pound lineman.

Ta'Quan Roberson: Transferring after two years at Penn State, a four-star quarterback prospect out of DePaul High School in New Jersey.

— Dom Amore

UConn

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right around tipoff.

Radio: UConn IMG Sports Network on 97.9 ESPN (Bob Joyce, Debbie Fiske)

Creighton's probable starters, 6th man

Lauren Jensen, G, 5-10, So.; Carly Bachelor, G/F, 6-0, Jr.; Tatum Remba, G, 5-9, Sr.; Payton Brotzki, G, 5-11, Sr.; Emma Ronsiek, F, 6-1, So.; Morgan Maly, G/F, 6-1, So.

UConn probable starters, 6th man

Olivia Nelson-Ododa, F, 6-5, Sr.; Christyn Williams, G, 5-11, Sr.; Nika Muhl, G, 5-10, So.; Caroline Ducharme, G, 6-2, Fr.; Aaliyah Edwards, F, 6-3, So.; Azzi Fudd, G, 5-11, Fr.

The matchup

UConn's offense: When they played Creighton in January, the Huskies shot 45% from the field and just 25% from 3 while committing 16 turnovers, half of which were traveling calls. Ducharme led the team in scoring (17 points), followed by Williams (13), Edwards (12) and Juhász (10).

UConn's defense: The Huskies' defense has mostly been strong this season, but their outing at Providence left a lot to be desired. In the teams' first meeting this season, the Bluejays shot 37% as a team and 20% from 3, a credit to the Huskies' defense as Creighton entered that game as one of the most prolific 3-point shooting teams in the nation.

Creighton's offense: Ronsiek (14.8 points per game) and Jensen (12.0) are Creighton's top scorers, while Maly (7.3 3-point attempts per game) offers another weapon from the arc. Against UConn last month, Maly (14 points) and Ronsiek (10) led the team in scoring, and the Bluejays won the battle in

the paint. "They're not an easy team to defend," Auriemma said after the first UConn-Creighton game. "You've got to work really, really hard, and you've got to keep working. The minute you stop, they get a layup or they get an open 3."

Creighton's defense: The Bluejays allow 62.2 points per game on 41.6% shooting (34.0% on 3s). They are a strong defensive rebounding team, collecting the ball off 73.7% of misses.

UConn keys: Can the Huskies reduce self-inflicted wounds, specifically turnovers? Can they come out with better defensive intensity and be able to sustain a high level of play on both ends for 40 minutes?

"The offense looked really good at times, but we have to just get better at sustaining things," Auriemma said. "We allow something that happens to set us back, so we'll take two steps forward, something will happen, we'll take two steps back. And that hopefully is something we can work on in the next couple of days, the next couple weeks.... The only constant that I've seen [as the team searches for its identity] is the inconsistency."

Players to watch: Can Edwards and Nelson-Ododa step up with Juhász's status for Wednesday in question?

About Creighton's coach: Jim Flanery is in his 20th season. His Bluejays are seeking their fifth NCAA Tournament appearance after making it in 2012, 2013, 2017 and 2018. They took home the Big East regular-season crown in 2017.

Creighton's mascot: Billy Bluejay

Famous alumni: Former NBA player/coach Paul Silas, former U.S. House of Representatives member from Wyoming Barbara Cabin, late astronaut from the Columbia disaster Michael P. Anderson

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UConn's R.J. Cole shoots between Creighton's Arthur Kaluma (24) and Ryan Kalkbrenner (11) in the first half Tuesday at the XL Center. Cole scored 13 points in the Huskies' 59-55 loss. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

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field with four rebounds. He shot 8-for-13 overall from the field, including 4-for-8 from 3.

"It felt good," Whaley said. "The coaches have been telling me to shoot it over and over and over. A lot of times, I get in my head, I hesitate a lot. Whenever I don't hesitate, good things happen."

The energy in the second half was completely different on both ends of the court for the Huskies. UConn took smarter shots on the offensive end and on the defensive end played suffocating defense. Unfortunately, the Huskies couldn't make up for first-half mistakes.

No.17 UConn is now 15-5 and 6-3 in the Big East.

"I really didn't see this type of performance coming," Hurley said. "Guys understood the importance of this game. If you want to compete for a Big East championship, you can't lose home games like this."

Slow starts and UConn have become synonymous with each other. The Huskies had just nine points at the 11:28 mark in

the first half when a media timeout was called. Whaley had all of nine points shooting 4-for-5 from the field while the rest of the team shot an abysmal 0-for-12. At the 11:07 mark, Cole made a second-chance layup to become the second player to score.

The Huskies' defense kept this game within striking distance. The Bluejays shot 12-for-30 from the field. Rebounding and physicality is typically a UConn strength but was nowhere to be found. The Bluejays went into the half with a 32-22 lead.

In the second half, the Huskies' offense woke up. At the 15:33 mark, Whaley knocked down a 3 to bring the Creighton lead down to just six points, 37-31. At 13:18, Whaley made a 3 to tie the game up, 37-37. On the next defensive possession, Whaley immediately followed that up with a block that had the crowd the loudest it had been all game. Adama Sanogo made a hookshot at 10:13 to put UConn up 41-39. At the 3:32 mark, Creighton led 52-48 at the media timeout. The Huskies couldn't close the gap.

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CREIGHTON 59, UCONN 55

Creighton	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Nembhard	35	2-8	0-0	1	1	0	6
O'Connell	38	3-8	0-0	10	1	2	6
Kalkbrenner	22	2-6	0-0	6	0	0	4
Kaluma	36	3-11	0-0	7	2	3	7
Hawkins	36	8-12	3-3	11	0	3	23
Alexander	23	3-7	5-6	5	3	1	11
Feazell	7	1-4	0-0	0	0	2	2
Andronikashvili	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	— 22-56	8-9	42	7	11	59	

Three-point goals: 7-17, 41.2% (Hawkins 4-5, Nembhard 2-4, Kaluma 1-4, Alexander 0-1, O'Connell 0-3). FG pct.: 39.3. FT pct.: 88.9.

Team rebounds: 2. Turnovers: 10 (Nembhard 4, O'Connell 2, Kaluma 2, Hawkins 2, Kalkbrenner, Feazell, Andronikashvili). Team: Blocks: 2 (Kalkbrenner, Alexander). Steals: 3 (O'Connell 2, Kaluma 2, Kaluma).

UConn

UConn	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Cole	35	5-16	3-5	9	3	2	13
Martin	36	2-9	3-5	3	1	1	7
Whaley	33	8-13	0-0	6	0	0	20
Sanogo	29	3-10	2-2	9	1	1	8
Jackson	33	2-11	0-0	8	1	4	5
Gaffney	6	0-1	0-0	0	1	3	0
Akok	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Polley	21	6-14	2-2	1	1	1	2
Hawkins	6	0-3	0-0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	— 20-67	10-14	43	8	12	55	

Three-point goals: 5-21, 23.8% (Whaley 4-8, Jackson 1-3, Martin 0-2, Polley 0-2, Cole 0-3, Hawkins 0-3). FG pct.: 29.9. FT pct.: 71.4. Team rebounds: 5. Turnovers: 9 (Jackson 3, Cole 2, Team 2, Whaley, Gaffney). Blocks: 6 (Whaley 2, Cole, Sanogo). Steals: 8 (Cole 3, Jackson 2, Sanogo, Gaffney, Polley).

Creighton

Creighton	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
22	32	27	—	59			
UConn	22	33	—	55			

Officials: Driscoll, Shows, Burroughs. Att: 10,443 at XL Center, Hartford.

Ollie

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primary responsibility with respect to athletic compliance is to protect the integrity of its programs. In light of that, UConn could not have waited 16 months to act on the information and evidence it already had at the time the decision was made to end Ollie's employment. In fact, the NCAA expects its member institutions to take appropriate action when the institution determines there has been a rules violation. Failure to

do so could have exposed the university to additional institutional sanctions."

UConn had concluded Ollie committed various NCAA infractions before firing him on March 10, 2018, hiring Dan Hurley a few days later. The NCAA completed its investigation in July 2019, finding Ollie to have committed a "level one" infraction, providing false and misleading information to its investigators, and several other minor infractions. Ollie is under a three-year NCAA show-cause order.

"The arbitrator in this case agreed that UConn had

just cause to terminate Ollie for NCAA rules violations, noting that 'the ultimate NCAA finding represented serious noncompliance with NCAA rules and regulations,'" UConn's statement continued. "However, the arbitrator determined that UConn should have waited for the NCAA's own process to conclude before terminating Ollie."

Ollie, who took over for retired Jim Calhoun in 2012, went 97-44 over his first four seasons, including a national championship in 2014 and conference championship in 2016. Over his final two

seasons, UConn was 16-17 and 14-18, the program's first losing seasons in 30 years. Ollie is now a director with Overtime Elite, a program for young basketball players who wish to skip college and turn pro.

The case was fought in the courts, arbitration and through the media for four years. Irvings ruled that the collective bargaining agreement between UConn and the professors union (AAUP) took precedence over his individual contract and ruled that his infractions did not rise to a level where his contract could be voided. The settlement reflects what Ollie would have

been paid if he had not been terminated, or terminated without cause.

"The university has serious concerns about how this ruling impacts UConn's proactive efforts to run a program with integrity and in full NCAA compliance," UConn's statement concluded. "This is precisely why all of our coaches have employment contracts detailing their compliance obligations. The arbitrator's reliance on the collective bargaining agreement in this case, rather than the contract, undercuts that effort."

Ollie's attorneys, Madsen, Prestley and Parenteau of New

London, issued a rebuttal: "The University of Connecticut is putting the best spin on a case where the University's highest officials were found to have engaged in what can only be described as illegal and unethical conduct by making false claims, without evidence, that Kevin Ollie was not a truthful person. As revealed by even a cursory reading of the decision, the NCAA would never have found against Kevin Ollie if the University of Connecticut did not act in the dishonest ways described by the arbitrator in the decision."

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The Sun's Jonquel Jones goes up for a shot against the Sky's Courtney Vandersloot (22) and Candice Parker, right, during the second half of Game 4 of a WNBA playoff semifinal Oct. 6 in Chicago. Chicago won 79-69. **PAUL BEATY/AP**

WNBA FREE AGENCY TRACKER

Where will they land?

Jonquel Jones returns to Connecticut Sun, Breanna Stewart reportedly re-signs with Seattle Storm in offseason moves

By Alexa Philippou

Hartford Courant

It's like Christmas Day in WNBA world, as Tuesday marked the first day teams and players can sign deals as part of 2022 free agency.

The Connecticut Sun were the first team to make a big signing official: 2021 MVP Jonquel Jones is officially returning to Uncasville. Gabe Ibrahim of Her Hoop Stats reports that Jones signed a two-year deal for \$205,000 in 2022 and \$211,150 in 2023. Those numbers are less than the "supermax" amount most stars demand (\$228,094 this year, \$234,936 next year), indicating that Jones was willing to be paid less than she could have asked for so the Sun had more money to go after other (more experienced) players.

"I am so happy to be back in Connecticut," Jones said in a statement. "This organization has believed in me since day one and I definitely feel like we have unfinished business. The fans want it, the front office wants it and the players want it. So now we just have to go out and get it done and bring a chip back to Mohegan Sun."

Jones took home MVP last season after opting out of 2020 WNBA bubble. She became the first player to win MVP after previously being tabbed the league's Most Improved Player in 2017 and Sixth Woman of the Year in 2018.

"We are ecstatic about JJ's decision to return and continue her career in Connecticut," Sun coach Curt Miller added. "She is one of the most versatile and talented players in the world. She has a burning desire to improve, and we look forward to building upon the momentum of her MVP season. JJ is an unselfish superstar and is driven to help bring a championship to Connecticut. This is a great day for the Sun."

Here's our tracker for everything you need to know about the Connecticut Sun's moves and where former Huskies are headed this season.

Jonquel Jones

The Sun are hoping Jones can guide the franchise to its first-ever WNBA title. Connecticut, which has made at least the semifinals each of the previous three years, was the No. 1 seed in the playoffs last season before falling to eventual champion Chicago Sky in the semifinals.

The 6-foot-6 forward/center has played her entire career with the Sun since being drafted in 2016. She had previously re-signed with the franchise heading in 2020.

"People have been joking with me ever since I said that thing on ESPN that Connecticut reminds me of the Bahamas," Jones told The Courant last summer. "What I mean by that is just slow-pace, close to the water, good seafood, nice people. So all those things really just remind me of home. So that's what makes me happy about the place."

"The organization is what makes me the happiest, though. The organization, the teammates, being able to come in with people that I know genuinely care

about me, coming into an organization that I know will go above and beyond if I have needs and they'll try to make sure that the needs are met. Not just because I'm a really good player, but because they actually care about all the players on this team. And so that goes a really long way and it makes you feel better as a human being, not just as an athlete."

Courtney Williams

According to Khristina Williams of Girls Talk Sports TV, Williams is returning to the Sun, where she spent the majority of her career since being drafted in 2016 prior to departing for Atlanta in 2020.

Things didn't end on the best of terms following her first go-around in Connecticut, and the Atlanta Dream suspended and later declined to bring Williams back last season after she released footage of herself involved in an altercation outside a club.

Williams, a fan favorite in Uncasville, offers exactly what the Sun need to take their team to the next level: a dynamic guard who can create for herself on offense and hit some shots from deep.

Her added familiarity with the Sun's system and close relationships to players like Jonquel Jones is a huge bonus.

Briann January

Williams reports that January, who played the last two seasons with the Sun, is set to sign with the Seattle Storm. The Sun's salary cap situation effectively precluded them from being able to afford both January and Jonquel Jones. January brings a strong perimeter defensive presence and another backcourt weapon to the championship-minded Storm.

Natisha Hiedeman, Beatrice Mompremier, Stephanie Jones

The Sun have made all three of these signings official. Hiedeman has been with the club since 2019, and Mompremier was drafted by Connecticut in 2020. These are all technically considered training camp contracts, but expect these three to make the final roster.

Breanna Stewart

UConn superstar and two-time WNBA champion Stewart has reportedly agreed to a one-year, supermax contract with the Storm, according to Chris Haynes of Yahoo Sports.

With the team previously coring key free agent Jewell Loyd — and Loyd signing a two-year deal with Seattle according to Winsidr's Rachel Galligan — Stewart appears likely to end up an unrestricted free agent in 2023.

Haynes previously reported that Stewart met with members of the New York Liberty this past month. Could 2022 be the last we see of Stewart in a Storm uniform, and could the Syracuse native opt to relocate closer to home?

Sue Bird

Stewart and Loyd are expected back to help send the WNBA legend off into the sunset. Bird previously announced she's returning to the WNBA for one final season. She is technically a free agent, and her return to Seattle has not yet been made official, but there's every indication she'll finish her career where she started it in 2002.

Tina Charles

Kareem Copeland of the Washington Post reports that the former UConn star will not return to the Washington Mystics, where she played one season after opting out of the 2020 campaign. Charles, who has repeatedly said her goal is to win a championship before retiring, has received inquiries from the Phoenix Mercury, per Williams.

Stefanie Dolson

Dolson, another former UConn standout, is departing the Chicago Sky and joining the New York Liberty, according to Chantel Jennings of the Athletic. Dolson is coming off a career summer in which she won gold with the U.S. 3x3 team in Tokyo and a WNBA title with the Sky.

Tiffany Hayes

The UConn alum will return to the Dream, where she's played her entire WNBA career since 2012, the organization announced Tuesday.

"Tiffany is such a huge part of the Dream's history and will be a vital part in how we set the mark this season for the franchise to move forward," Atlanta GM Dan Padover said in a statement. "She is one of the best two-way guards in the WNBA and plays with a competitive fire that has always represented the city of Atlanta. We are thrilled to have her back in a Dream uniform."

Kia Nurse

The Mercury extended a qualifying offer to Nurse, who is currently recovering from an ACL tear, last month.

Kiah Stokes

Stokes, the 2014-15 American Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year while at UConn, was first reported to be headed to the Dream, but that has since changed. She is now being linked to the Las Vegas Aces, where she last played in 2021.

Megan Walker

The Dream brought in Walker in January after picking her up on a waiver claim from Phoenix, where she played the entire 2021 season. Walker left UConn after her junior year and was drafted ninth overall by the New York Liberty in 2020 and traded to Phoenix in February 2021.

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GOLF 2022 TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Four-time major winner McIlroy commits to play

Staff report

Four-time major winner Rory McIlroy has committed to play in the 2022 Travelers Championship, according to a tournament release on Tuesday.

McIlroy, who has 20 career PGA Tour wins including four major championships, will be making his fourth appearance. He finished tied for 17th in 2017, T12 in 2018 and T11 in 2020.

"Rory has been a wonderful ambassador for professional golf and creates excitement felt by millions of fans around the world whenever he plays," said Travelers Championship tournament director Nathan Grube in the release. "Having a commitment from a player the caliber of Rory this early sets the tone for the type of field we're expecting for this year's Travelers Championship."

McIlroy is currently No. 6 in the Official World Golf Ranking and spent 106 weeks at No. 1 during his career.

McIlroy's most recent PGA Tour victory came at the CJ Cup at Summit in October 2021. In May, McIlroy won the Wells Fargo Championship. He won his first major at the U.S. Open in 2011 by eight strokes and set a tournament record for lowest score in relation to par at 16-under. McIlroy also won the PGA Championship in 2012, then the 2014 Open Championship and 2014 PGA Champion-



Rory McIlroy tees off on the 18th hole during the third round of the Travelers Championship in 2020.

FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

ship. At the Masters this year, McIlroy will attempt to become just the sixth player to achieve the career grand slam.

McIlroy was named PGA Tour Player of the Year in 2012, 2014 and 2019. He won the Tour's FedEx Cup points title in 2016 and 2019. The 32-year-old from Northern Ireland is also a six-time member of the European Ryder Cup team.

"I'm thrilled that Rory will be joining us this year, and I know he's excited about coming back to play in front of the best fans in golf," said Andy Bessette, executive vice president and chief administrative officer at Travelers. "Rory exemplifies the best golfers in the world who will be in our field, and by playing our event, he's helping us achieve our goals of attracting thousands of fans and generating significant money for charity."

The 2022 Travelers Championship will take place June 20-26 at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Northwest Catholic clamps down on defense, beats Conard

By Lori Riley

Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — In the first quarter of the Conard-Northwest Catholic boys basketball game, Conard sophomore Riley Fox had nine of his team's 10 points.

By halftime, he had 17 and hit a 3-pointer with a second left to give Conard a one-point lead heading into the locker room.

But this was Northwest Catholic and despite a poor shooting first half, the Lions rallied in the second half, with Matt Curtis holding Fox scoreless in the third quarter, and Northwest Catholic (11-1) left with a 52-43 victory and was happy to have it.

"We needed a game like this," Northwest Catholic coach John Mirabello said. "We just had to keep grinding and play hard. I told them, 'It's got to be on the defensive end because we're not very good on the offensive end tonight.' We needed to find a way [to win] and we did."

It was the lowest-scoring total for Northwest Catholic this season. Curtis led the Lions with 22 points and held Fox, who had 25 points, to eight in the second half.

"He's a good player," Curtis said. "Had to run him off the 3-point line a little bit, had to face guard him. I was a little tired. I was working hard playing both ends."

"We couldn't hit anything [in the first half]. The rims were a little tight

in the first half; second half, they loosened up, we got some steals, got out on the fast breaks and played well."

Conard (10-2) led 10-7 after one quarter and after Fox hit his 3-pointer, 24-23 at halftime. Northwest had missed a lot of shots. Curtis had six points at halftime.

But in the third quarter, wherever Fox went, Curtis was there.

"I challenged Matty at halftime," Mirabello said. "He took it. He knew he didn't play his best."

Northwest outscored Conard 17-6 in the third and led 40-30 heading into the fourth.

Fox had seven 3-pointers, including two in the fourth quarter when Conard was trying to rally.

"He's terrific," Mirabello said of Fox. "He plays with a lot of confidence. I really like him. He's a tough kid, he doesn't get rattled. He just plays."

Conard cut the lead to 45-41 with 2:05 left on a Fox 3-pointer. That was as close as Conard would get.

"I think a lot of people came into the game thinking, 'Okay, 10-1, Northwest is going to roll,'" Conard coach Jared Leghorn said. "I think we showed a lot of character and we're a team that's to be dealt with and we're going to go and battle against whoever we play. If we can do it against them, we can do it against almost anybody else."

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KNICKS

Club gets another up-close look at Morant, who it missed by 1 pick

By Stefan Bondy

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — A showstopper and budding superstar is coming to MSG.

The Knicks fell one spot short of Ja Morant's draft slot over two years ago and will try to stop the human highlight on Wednesday against the Grizzlies.

"It's crazy. His speed is so electric," Knicks coach Tom Thibodeau

said. "It puts so much pressure on your defense and his ability to get into the paint and the way he does everything. He forces the defense to collapse. He scores, he creates easy offense for everybody around him."

Morant, 22, is averaging over 30 points in his last 18 games as Memphis (35-18) ascended to third in the Western Conference, exceeding all expectations for a young team. Morant is rail thin but

thrives in the paint with impressive leaping ability.

Julius Randle compared Morant to the youngest MVP of all-time.

"He reminds me of Derrick (Rose) a little bit," Julius Randle said. "I was thinking that. Just as far as point guard that athletic, that's able to finish over bigs and live in the paint. And ambidextrous, can finish with both hands. Floater. All that type of stuff. That speed. How he plays. He reminds

me D-Rose a little bit."

Morant has twice previously played at MSG, including last season's OT thriller (a New York victory), and averaged 22 points and eight assists in those contests.

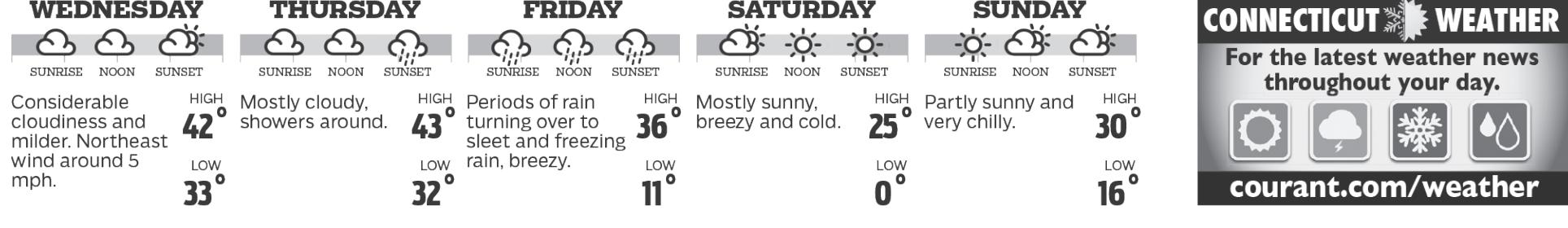
The Knicks drew third in the draft lottery in 2019, which was, at the time, considered a failure because they couldn't take Zion Williamson. Turns out, Morant, chosen second by the Grizzlies,

was probably the prize of the class. Just like Steph Curry was the prize of 2008 when the Knicks drafted one spot later.

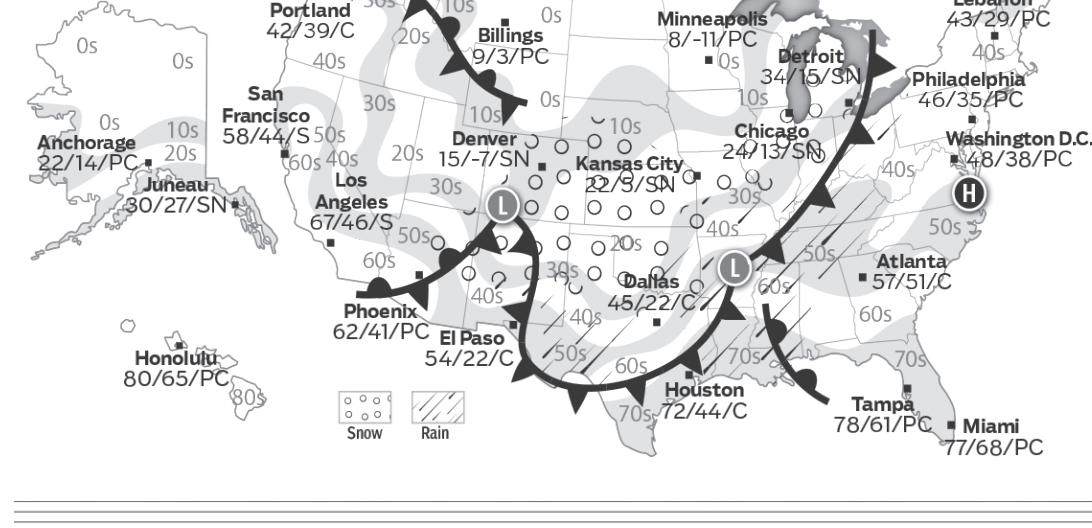
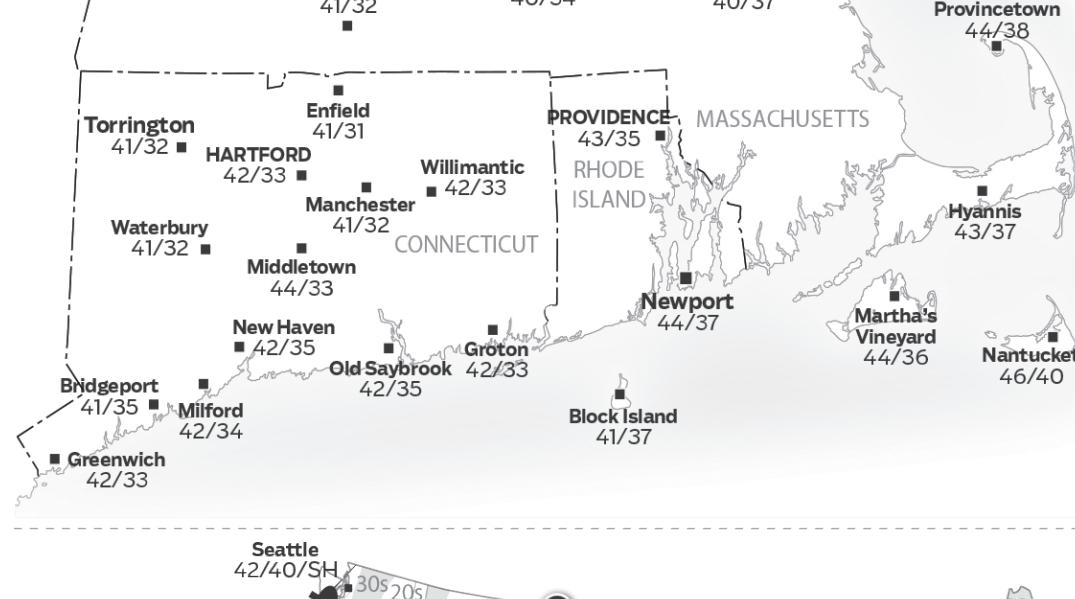
But this time, the Knicks can still feel good about their choice.

RJ Barrett, 21, said Tuesday that January felt like one of his best months as a professional, which was backed up by the numbers: 15 games, 21.8 points per game, 6 rebounds, 3.2 assists, 43.6% shooting.

WEATHER



YOURCAST Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



AROUND THE WORLD

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